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JAPAN, U. S. ATTACK VERSIONS DIFFER

HARADA CLAIMS PANAY FIRED ON ARMY UNITS DENIES TROOPS RETURNED SHOTS OF SUNK GUNBOAT

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

The Japanese inquiry findings in the Panay incident, announced by Major-General Harada, Japanese Military Attaché, indicate variance with the accounts given by the naval and civilian survivors of the bombing.

The findings were read by Major-General Harada to a press conference. The statement was vaguely worded, and the main conclusions were that three Japanese aeroplanes bombed the Panay, that the gunboat fired three gun shots at Japanese army units, and that the latter did not fire on the Panay.

Major-General Harada denied that Japanese army boats fired on the Panay, and asserted that the American warship was moving at the time of the attack.

The Panay officers reported that the gunboat was anchored two hours before the bombing. All points are strenuously queried by the correspondents aboard the Panay, who point out that the survivors contend there were first three, and then six machines concerned in the bombing, that the alleged firing of the Panay's guns was utterly incorrect, and that the Japanese army units hotly fired on the gunboat.

Another point in dispute is the Japanese assertion that the Panay was moving at the time of the attack. Major-General Harada emphasised that the Japanese commander of the troops involved "did not consider he was at fault." Major-General Harada is announcing the findings of the incident concerning H.M.S. Ladybird to-day.—*Reuter*.

JOINT ACTION ADVISED

Admiral Osborne
States Case

London, Dec. 20.

The naval position in the Far East was discussed at a meeting in the House of Commons to-day, attended by a number of members of all parties, with Sir Cyril Entwistle presiding.

Vice-Admiral R.O.B. Osborne spoke of the possibility of collective action on the part of Britain, France and the United States and emphasised the importance to Britain and America of what he considered to be Japan's aims to dominate China to the complete exclusion of foreign interests. He said that if co-operation between Britain, France and the United States could be secured it would not be difficult to defend the common interests of the three nations. He believed that the threat of common action would be sufficient to deter Japan, but it must be remembered that the United States would not intervene for interests not her own, and would not take any action which might lead to war.

Therefore, he suggested the creation of a joint Advisory Council on Far Eastern affairs in which Britain, France and the United States would be equally represented to study and defend the joint interests of all three countries, and to recommend such action as might be necessary for that purpose.—*Reuter*.

TERUEL REPORTED HOLDING OUT

St. Jean de Luz, Dec. 20.
Teruel is still holding out against the attacks of Loyalist troops, but fighting, with great bloodshed, is in progress in towns on the outskirts of the city.
Blinding snowstorms are impeding the work of the Loyalist artillery.—*Reuter*.

REFUGEE SITUATION EASIER

Report From S'hai
Authorities

London, Dec. 20.

According to most recent reports there were about a quarter of a million refugees in Nantao, Shanghai at the beginning of the month, 100,000 in the International Settlement and 50,000 in French Concession, said Mr. Anthony Eden, British Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

As far as the Settlement and French Concession were concerned, the refugees were housed in camps. Recently the situation was reported to be easier.—*Reuter*.

CAPETOWN MAY BE HELD UP

Hankow, Dec. 21.

H.M.S. Capetown which left here on Saturday with one man, 21 women and 26 children, arrived at Wuhu yesterday morning, and will resume her journey to-day.

It is possible there will not be sufficient water at the breach in the Kiangyin boom to allow the Capetown, which draws 17½ feet, to pass through. In this event the civilian passengers must be transferred to a smaller ship in order to complete the journey to Shanghai.

Should the Capetown be unable to pass the Kiangyin boom, she will be cut off, not only from Shanghai but also from Hankow by the new booms erected near the Kiangyin apertures which are now closed up.
The proposed dash to Shanghai of the B. and S. Woosung with 20 passengers was balked by the closing of the Kiangyin booms, and preparations are now being made to run another refugee train to Hongkong. The date of the departure is not yet fixed, but it will probably be the coming week-end.

It is learned that over 300 names are already registered for the trip. The Japanese have been informed of the proposed departure of the train, and have replied that they will require 48 hours' notice of its departure.—*Reuter*.

REFUGEES FOR H.K. BY TRAIN

Booms Again Close
Yangtse River

Hankow, Dec. 21.

The steamer Woosung, scheduled to leave to-morrow, has cancelled sailing owing to booms which have closed the Yangtse River. Three hundred British and other women and children will now be evacuated to Hongkong by train.—*Reuter*.

Government In Peiping Repudiated

Chungking, Dec. 21.
The Chinese National Government has issued a statement repudiating the so-called Provisional Government in Peiping, set up by the Japanese.—*Reuter*.

OUTLAW ORDER

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

The National Government issued a mandate to-day stating the Military Affairs Commission is responsible for the general arrest of all Chinese participating in puppet regimes in regions under Japanese military occupation.—*United Press*.

Ambassador To China Appointed

Wounded Diplomat
Not Returning

Sir Archibald
Kerr Coming

London, Dec. 20.

The Foreign Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr to be Ambassador in China in place of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who it has been decided, will not return to China, but will be recommended for another post in due course.

It had been hoped that it would be possible to leave the Embassy in China in the charge of Mr. R. G. Howe until Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen was able to return to China in the spring, but recent events in the Far East, coupled with the uncertainty of the actual date by which Sir Hugh would be able to return to duty, made it necessary for the matter to be re-examined.

It is now considered, despite the complete confidence felt in Mr. Howe, that it is essential that His Majesty's Government should be represented in China by a diplomat of Ambassadorial rank, and arrangements for this should be made with the least possible delay.—*Reuter*.

ADMIRAL FLYING TO COLONY

Leaving Yangtse
On Furlough

Hankow, Dec. 21.

Rear-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, chief of the Yangtse Flotilla, together with his Secretary, Pay-Commander J. A. Miller of H.M.S. Bee, is leaving for Hongkong this morning by a specially chartered plane.

Rear-Admiral Crabbe, whose relief, Rear-Admiral Holt, arrived in Hankow a month ago, and is at present in H.M.S. Bee at Nanking, is due for home leave in January. His departure will leave Hankow without an Admiral as Rear-Admiral Holt, being at Nanking, is cut off by the recently constructed booms.

The disposition of British gunboats at present is as follows: H.M.S. Falcon is at Chungking, H.M.S. Tern is at Ichang, H.M.S. Sandpiper is at Changshu, where they will remain all winter owing to the low water. Four gunboats are at Hankow, the Gannet, Cockchafer, Gnat, and Peterel. The Mantis is at Kiukiang, showing there are eight gunboats this side of the boom. On the other side H.M.S. Scarb is at Wuhu, the Cricket, Bee and Aphid are at Nanking. H.M.S. Bee is carrying Rear-Admiral Holt, and presumably the British Consul-General Mr. Pridoux Brune, at Nanking. The Ladybird is at Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

TENSE MOMENT IN JERUSALEM



This British policeman in Jerusalem's old quarter is arresting an Arab, dressed in European clothing, said to have slain a Jewish youth during an outbreak of terrorism over racial differences. Disorders continue in Palestine, and British troops are frequently involved.

Hankow Keyed Up At Rumour Of War Spreading South

Hankow, Dec. 21.

Hankow is buzzing with excitement at the prospect of hostilities in South China. It is pointed out that Hankow would be completely cut off all ways if the Japanese occupy Canton and disrupt the train and air services between Hongkong and Hankow, as well as the newly-inaugurated Chungking-Hongkong air service.

At present it is possible to reach the outside world by rail via Chenchow and Hsuechow (Honan) as well as by Tsinanfu and Tsinngao, but the advent of hostilities in Shantung undoubtedly would disrupt that route.

Though the air service to Hongkong is still functioning, it is widely reported that the service will be stopped shortly.

Air Raid Alarm

Air raid whistles and sirens sounded here for the first time for nearly two months at noon yesterday when Japanese planes were reported to be heading for Hankow. The usual tense activity was witnessed, civilians flocking into the special administrative areas to take refuge in the godowns and danger-proof shelters, including dug-outs recently constructed along the water front.

Nine fighting planes, which appeared to be Russian, were in the air waiting for the visitors. They sounded powerful, and were fast and displayed excellent manoeuvring powers. No Japanese raiders appeared and the all-clear signal was given at 1.30 p.m.

The alarm was later explained by a report from Kiukiang stating that 12 Japanese planes appeared about 1.30 p.m. and dropped 41 bombs. The objective of the raid appeared to be the aerodrome and railway station, which, it was stated, were slightly damaged. The raiders subsequently disappeared in the direction of Nanchang where they dropped 30 bombs on the railway station, a cotton mill and the aerodrome nearby.—*Reuter*.

Kwangtung Precautions

Canton, Dec. 21.

A movement has been launched here to mobilise all able-bodied men throughout Kwangtung to stand ready to resist any attempted invasion.—*Reuter*.

WON'T ACCEPT USURPATION OF CHINA'S RIGHTS

EDEN HAS NO REPORTS OF INVASION DANGER IN H.K.

London, Dec. 20.

Questions regarding the administration of the Chinese Customs were asked in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) enquired if it might be assumed that the British Government did not intend to recognise the assumption by Japanese authorities or by alleged Chinese authorities of the rights belonging to the legitimate Chinese Government.

Mr. Anthony Eden (Foreign Secretary) in reply said: "I should prefer to see that on the Paper, but I think the answer is Yes."

Replying to another question about the situation in Hongkong caused by the extension of Japanese hostilities, Mr. Eden said he understood arrangements were being made to cope with an influx of refugees if the hostilities reach Canton and the neighbourhood.

JAPANESE ACCEPT LIABILITY

If Responsibility For
Injury To British
Can Be Proved

Exceptions May
Be Discovered

London, Dec. 20.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he would publish a White Paper containing particulars of direct injury to British citizens, property and interests by the Japanese military forces in China that had evoked British representations.

The Foreign Secretary replied: "It has not yet been possible to formulate many of these claims and still less to verify them, so that it is premature to consider publication of a White Paper." He added that British representatives in China had details which had not yet reached him.

Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) asked if the Japanese accepted liability in principle for the damage done where it can be proved that the Japanese were responsible.

Mr. Eden responded: "These are of many different characters. In certain respects the answer is Yes, but I would not like to say in all." Mr. Will Thorne (Lab.) asked "Is the Japanese Government responsible for plundering by its soldiers when entering towns?" Mr. Eden replied: "Yes. I think that is precisely one of the items under which claims may be made."

Mr. L. F. Plugge (Cons.) asked Mr. Eden for particulars regarding compensation to be paid by Japan for casualties inflicted by her troops to British soldiers and sailors.

FULLY ACCEPTED
Mr. Eden, in response, recalled that the Japanese Government had fully accepted in principle the pecuniary compensation claims which had been made, and it was only a question of details regarding financial compensation.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Lab.) asked if claims in respect of loss of life were not in a different category to those respecting property, and therefore would Mr. Eden press for the earliest settlement of those claims.

Mr. Eden replied: "Yes, I think that is so. The principle of compensation has been accepted and what remains to be settled are the amounts and the question to whom they are payable."—*Reuter*.

ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 20.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) asked Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day to give an assurance that the Government would in no way recognise the provisional Government installed in Peiping by the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Eden replied that the British Government recognises the Central Government as the government of all China. There was, therefore, no question of recognising the new administration.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS

PUNISHMENT DEMANDED

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Drastic punishment of the Chinese who set fire to Japanese cotton mills in Tsinling is demanded by Mr. Shojiro Otaka, Consul-General at Tsinling, who evacuated the port with 300 Japanese residents and officials on August 30.

The Consul declared: "The news is that such a situation has been brought about by Chinese, and there is no alternative for Japan but to resort to decisive measures. According to latest reports received by me, constables who had been engaged to protect the Japanese mill areas, were replaced by salt revenue guards who prepared explosions after looting the mills of valuable supplies which were transported to the interior on the Tsinling-Tsinan railway."—*Reuter*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 14.)

CHRISTMAS COOKING.



ALTHOUGH Christmas is only a week ahead, it is by no means too late to start making preparations for the festive fare.

Several readers have written asking for recipes for puddings, cakes and mince, so that there isn't a last-minute rush.

Also, as we all know, Christmas means extra expense. The wise housewife will, therefore, plan to buy something every week out of the weekly housekeeping allowance, so that the burden doesn't come all at once to take the pleasure out of the party.

First, we must count up the pudding basins, and see that there are sufficient pudding cloths, with extra ones to tie over the puddings after they have been boiled. For the wet pudding cloth should be removed after cooking, and a clean one placed over the top. When tied on, the cloth is turned back over the pudding, and tied to form a useful handle, by which the pudding is lifted out of the saucepan.

Steamers are well worth buying, especially for Christmas cooking, as several puddings can be cooked at the same time.

Next you'll need a good supply of greaseproof paper. Take my tip and buy it from the butcher; there's a red waxing tin with it.

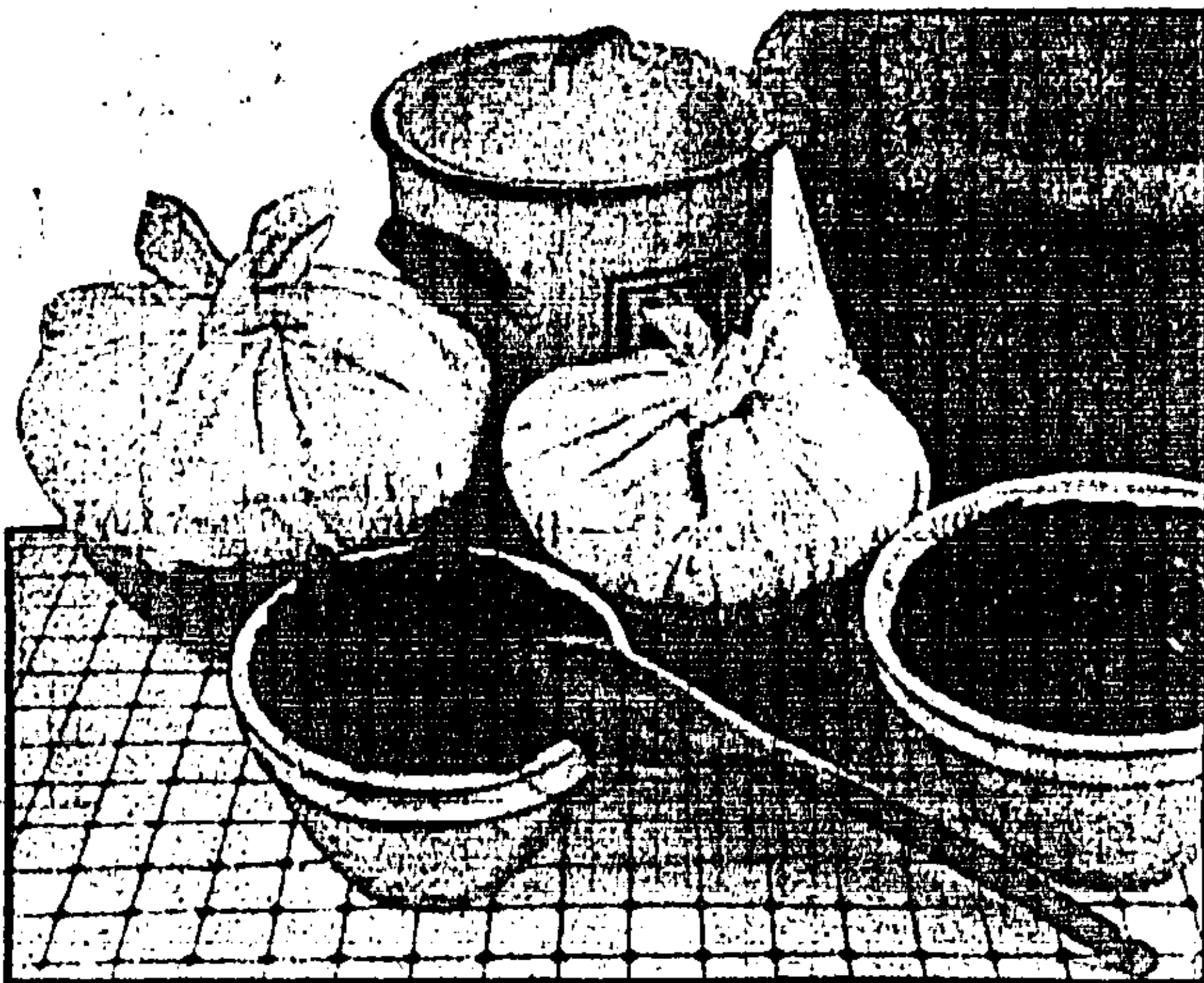
Consider fat which can be bought in cartons, besides being useful for all cooking purposes, can be used for greasing parchment paper. It will keep for several weeks.

In the Store Cupboard

Packets of shredded suet can also be bought now, and stored in readiness for extra cooking.

Loaf, granulated, castor, and brown sugar, are usually cheapest bought in large quantities. Sugar should be stored in tightly-closed jars.

Large sweet bottles are ideal con-



Mrs. BARDELL Makes the

PLUM Puddings

tainers, or if you have any empty bottled-fruit jars use those which have the glass tops.

Buy spices and flavourings in small quantities, as once they are open they lose strength. Ground spices are better to use than the whole kind.

Gradually add to your Christmas store packets of custard powder, mince, and jam. Packets of sponge cakes, stored in an air-tight tin, are ready for party trifles; and glacé cherries, angelica and silver balls for decoration should also be kept air-tight. Tins of cocoa and coffee essence are always a good stand-by.

The new Christmas fruit has already

arrived at the grocers, so you can reckon up the ingredients required for your puddings and mince.

Four puddings are usually made for a family of five; the largest one is best for Christmas Day, because you can re-heat the left-over pudding for Boxing Day, and serve with custard. Keep the fruit, raisins, currants, sultanas and peel in glass jars with stoppers. It is a good plan to make a list of things you want for the Christmas fare, total the cost, then divide it up into seven weekly payments.

Perfect Mixture

Now for the pudding. Here is my recipe for a rich, dark, fruity one. Ingredients: 1lb. shredded suet, 2oz. flour, 1lb. raisins, 4oz. candied peel, 1lb. sultanas, 6oz. currants, 2oz. glacé cherries, 2oz. chopped almonds, 1oz. mixed spice, a pinch of grated nutmeg, 1oz. ground cinnamon, 1 pint milk, 1lb. breadcrumbs, 1 lemon, a pinch of salt, 4 eggs, a wineglassful of rum or brandy as liked.

If a very dark pudding is liked, add a few drops of caramel or brown sugar. Sieve flour and salt into a large mixing bowl, add sugar and spices and mix thoroughly.

Prepare the fruit, chop the raisins, finely shred the mixed peel, first removing the sugar, wash and dry the currants, pick over the sultanas, and thinly peel and chop the lemon rind. Add the cut-up cherries and chopped almonds and mix well. Stir in the milk, then the eggs (one at a time in case there is an unsound one), add the brandy and the strained lemon juice, and a teaspoonful of brown sugar to darken the mixture.

Next come the lucky charms, the

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Ingredients required

1lb. shredded suet.
2oz. flour, 1lb. raisins.
4oz. candied peel.
1lb. sultanas.
6oz. currants.
2oz. glacé cherries.
2oz. chopped almonds.
1oz. mixed spice.
A pinch of grated nutmeg.
1oz. ground cinnamon.
1 pint milk, 1 lemon.
1lb. bread, mbs.
A pinch of salt, 4 eggs.
A wineglassful of brandy.
(Sufficient for 8 persons.)

family stir and wish, then the mixture is pressed into well-buttered basins. Cover with greaseproof paper, then with a scalded and floured pudding cloth, tie down, boil for six hours. Sufficient for eight persons.

Less Rich Pudding

If you prefer a less rich recipe try this one. The pudding tastes just as Christmas.

Ingredients: 5oz. breadcrumbs, 4oz. flour, 4oz. shredded suet, 6oz. currants, 4oz. chopped raisins (leaved, if necessary), 2oz. shredded candied peel, 3oz. sultanas, 2oz. raw grated carrot, 2 teaspoonfuls of lemon juice, and the same of grated and 1 teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of ground nutmeg, a heaped teaspoonful of baking powder, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk.

Mix the dry ingredients, except the baking powder, well together. Add the beaten eggs, lemon juice and milk, then cover and let the mixture stand for an hour.

Stir in the baking powder, then turn into a buttered basin, and tie down with greaseproof paper and a scalded floured cloth. Boil for 7 hours, or steam for 8 hours.

Luncheon Menu

Veal Cakes and Bacon.

Tomato Sauce.

Brussels Sprouts.

Saute Potatoes.

Filled Oranges.

Mince a pound of veal, mix with 2oz. chopped cooked salt pork, good seasonings, a pinch of mixed herbs, and a beaten egg. Form into cakes and bake with fat. When nearly cooked arrange tiny rolls of bacon on each cake, and serve with hot tomato sauce.

Allow a medium-sized orange for each person, cut off the tops, and scoop out the pulp. For six oranges put four egg yolks into a double saucepan, add the orange juice, the juice of a lemon, and 3oz. of sugar. Cook until slightly thick, then cream in 1oz. melted gelatine. When cool, fold in the stiffly whipped egg whites and fill the orange skins with the mixture. Decorate with cherries and angelica. Serve each orange on a green leaf.

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Family Doctor writes about Chilblains

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Regular exercises, the morning daily dozen especially, are all valuable aids to improving the circulation.

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As chilblains are a form of local congestion, it is important to keep the blood circulating, especially in the smaller bloodvessels. Some people and that they have low blood pressure or that their blood is thin. Dairy products, e.g. milk, eggs, butter will all help to give bodily heat.

An iron tonic or some tablets of calcium lactate may be indicated; but a doctor's advice should be taken before starting on these.

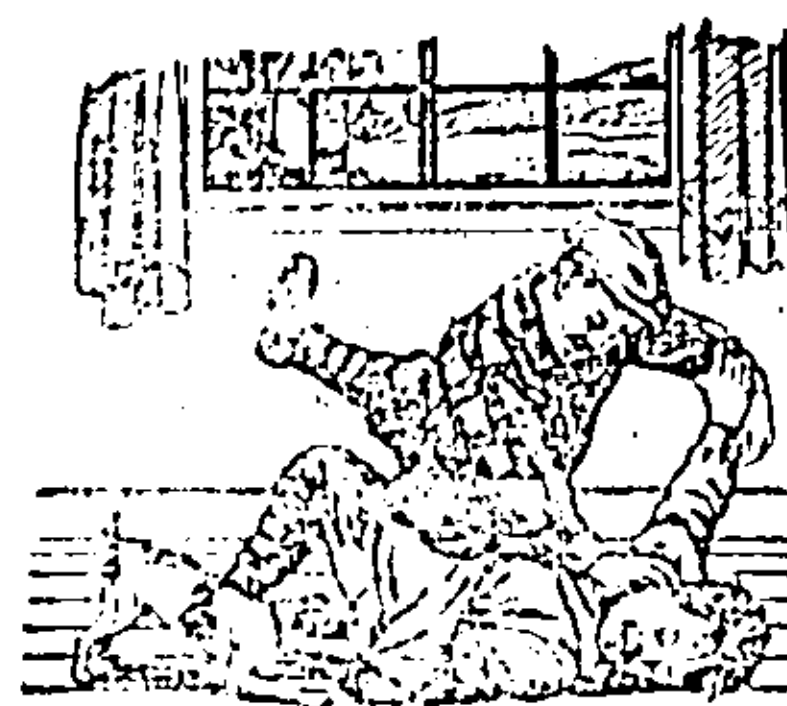
When the chilblain is beginning to form there is heat, swelling and redness with intense itching. Painting with iodine is about the best measure, before the skin breaks. Alternate bathing with hot and cold water also sometimes helps, but unless it is done at the very early stages, it tends to increase the swelling.

When the skin has broken, zinc ointment or lint is soothing. A pad should be put in the shoe to raise up the heel and prevent the chilblain being rubbed. The toes can be padded also to relieve pressure.

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SHOES should be comfortable and well-fitting. If cold feet are a constant worry, an excellent pair of insoles can be made from an old piece of fur. These keep the feet beautifully comfortable on the bitterest days.

Beware of putting your cold hands or feet on warm radiators, hot water bottles or near the fire as first a brisk rubbing is essential to keep up the circulation of the blood.



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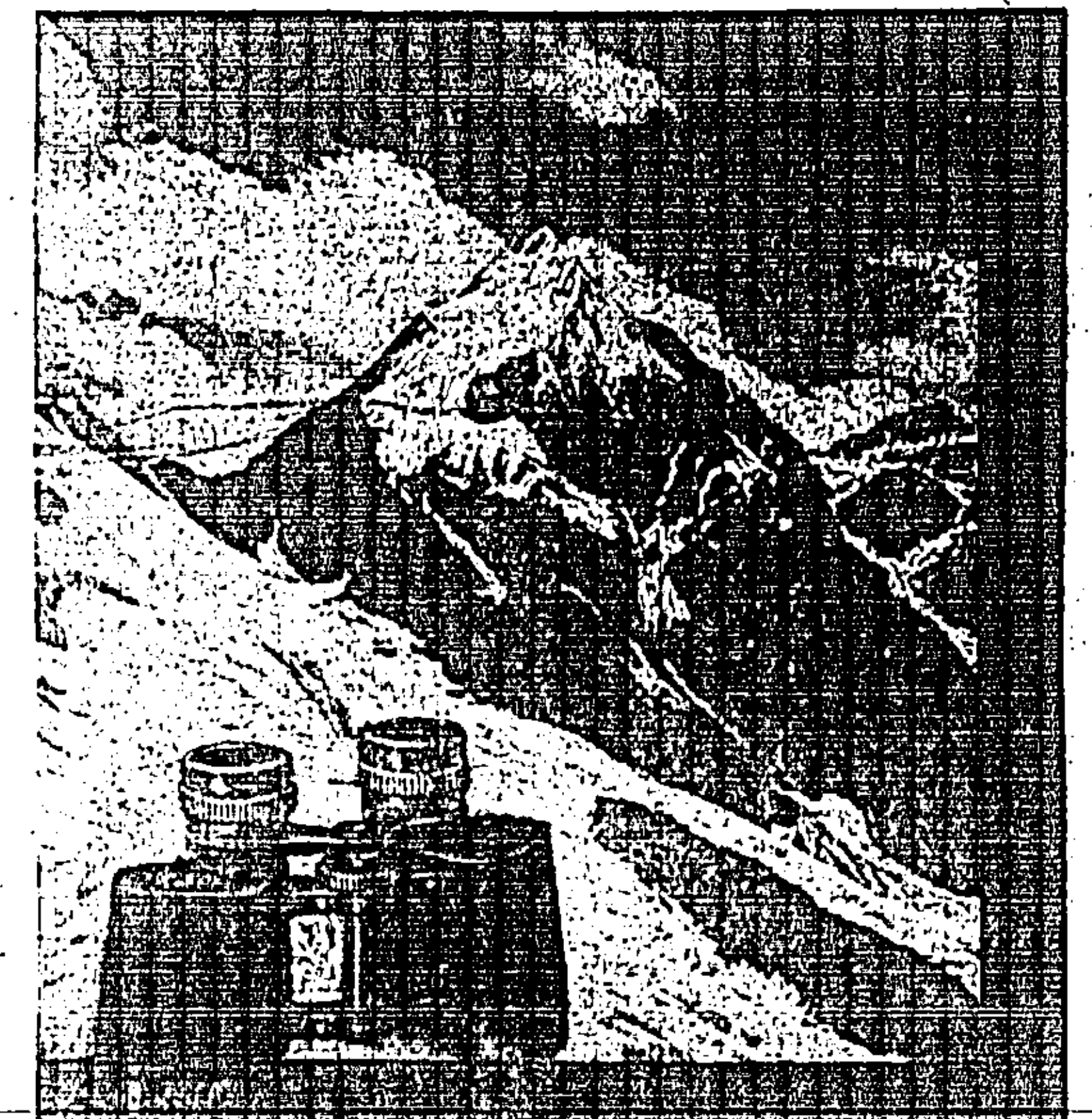
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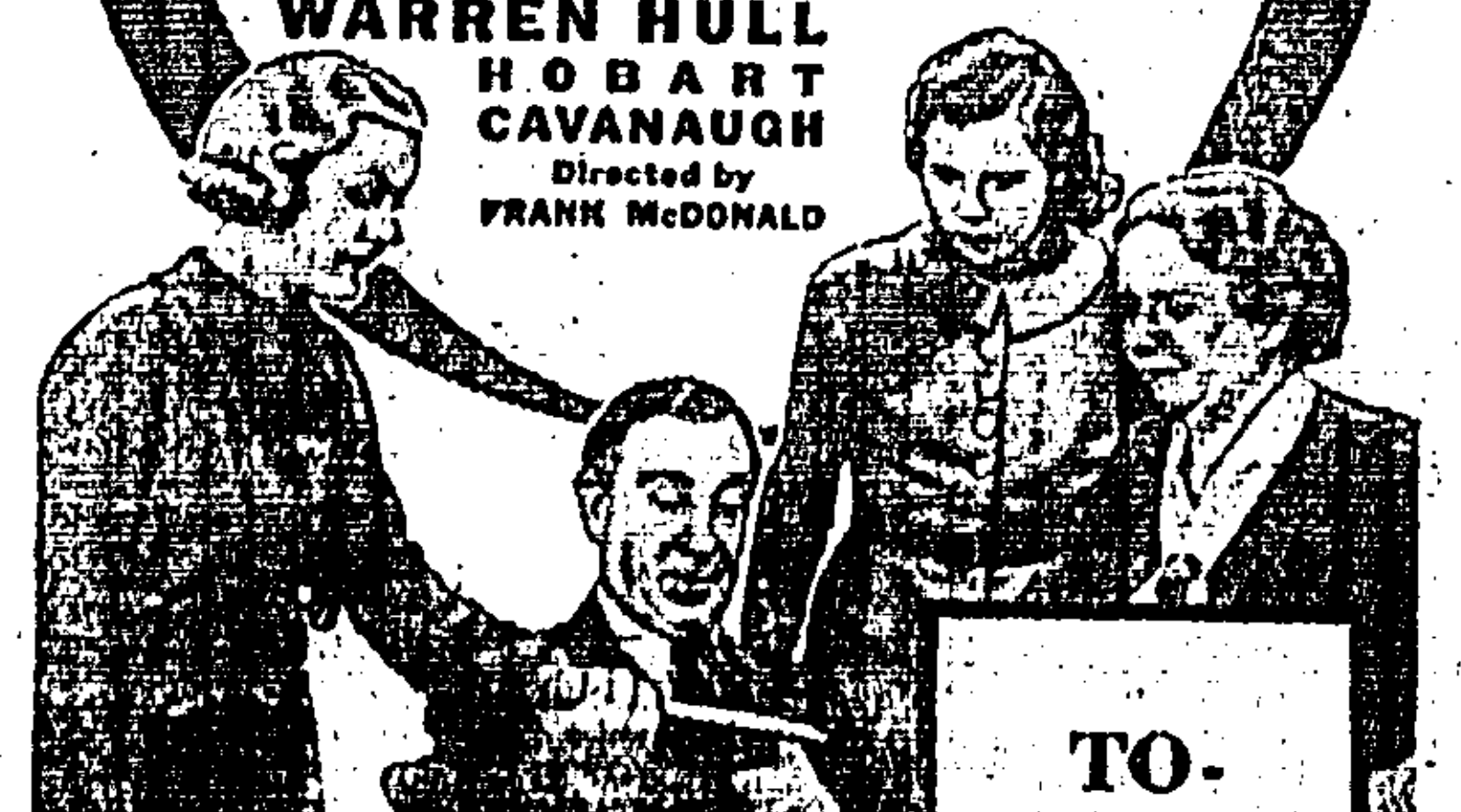
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War Scare Was—Beer!

A scientist with a sense of humour—Professor J. B. S. Haldane—revealed recently how he caused a scare.

After reading about "a terrible new substance," discovered in America, that would make millions of people unconscious in the event of another war, he did a little investigating.

"Then," said the professor, "I wrote to the Manufacturing Chemist:

"Are you aware that ethynol is being produced, in quantities sufficient to render millions of people unconscious, at Munich and Burton-on-Trent?"

"That started another scare."

"Now ethynol is the scientific name for alcohol, which, I believe, is to be found in what is vulgarly called beer."

The professor told his story at a London book fair.

MRS. ROOSEVELT BY HERSELF

New York. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in her autobiography just describes herself as "a shy, solemn child who never smiled," because she was ashamed that she had not inherited the beauty with which other women of her family were endowed.

The book is an amazing and revealing document of her transformation from an inhibited, scared child into the most vital and most tolerant First Lady of the Land.

Mrs. Roosevelt gives a candid account of her personal experiences from early childhood through marriage—when "Uncle Ted," then President Theodore Roosevelt, "stole the entire show"—and during the ten years when she "was always just getting over having a baby or about to have one." She describes also the trying time when she helped her husband to fight off the ravages of infantile paralysis. Despite years of travel and many series of lecture tours Mrs. Roosevelt confesses that, even to-day, when she faces a crowd she wishes the ground would open up and swallow her.

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Famous Readers Meet His Famous Heroes

By Richard Jones

England, and the Empire about which he wrote so majestically, paid a silent but eloquent tribute to the memory of that prince of writers, Rudyard Kipling, recently, when 1,000 of his admirers—among them statesmen, diplomats, and stars of the literary world—met for the first time in person those two whimsical heroes of Kipling's famous school story, "Stalky" and "M'Turk."

"Stalky," who in private life is Major-Gen. L. C. Dunsterville, and "M'Turk," alias Mr. G. C. Beresford, were guests of honour at a banquet at Grosvenor House in aid of the Rudyard Kipling Memorial Fund.

The function, one of the most brilliant of the London season, demonstrated more than ever the lasting esteem which friends and admirers of Kipling hold for his genius.

The King referred to Kipling's genius in a message in reply to an expression of loyalty, which read: "I am glad to know that representatives of all parts of the Empire are united in planning a fitting memorial to Rudyard Kipling, whose genius is the common heritage of all who speak the English tongue."

50 BURSARIES

To perpetuate his memory, a fund of £250,000 is being raised, the main object of which is to endow 50 bursaries at the Imperial Service College, Windsor—Kipling's old school, which was then at Westward Hol Devon. They will be open to the son of public servants in all parts of the Empire.

Suitable memorials will also be erected, and a Kipling library will be built at the school to create a centre of lasting interest to all admirers of Kipling's work.

Last night more than £10,000 was received, and the fund now totals more than £45,000. The Earl of Athlone, chairman of the fund, presided, and was accompanied by Princess Alice.

Every branch of the Forces was represented. At special tables were members of the Irish Guards, with

which Kipling had close personal ties; the Royal Engineers, the Royal Navy, and the Royal Marines. There were contingents, too, of great societies concerned with the welfare of the Empire as a whole. The Universities which conferred honorary degrees on the poet formed a United Universities table.

A bust of Kipling looked down over the throng, while around the hall Union Jacks, which stood for all he wrote, fluttered bravely.

Mr. Winston Churchill paid the poet a wonderful tribute when he said: "Although in my political actions I was often fiercely opposed to him, yet there never was a moment when I did not feel the surge of his appeal upon the great verities of our race and State."

"STALKY" LOOKS BACK

Talking of the triumvirate known as "Stalky," "M'Turk," and "Beetle" (Kipling himself), "Stalky" recalled how the three shared a study at Westward Hol.

"We were equally inspired with a spirit of mischief not uncommon in boys of that age," he said. "But I venture to suggest that the peculiarities of these three particular boys were not at all of a common type."

"You who have known our great writer through his inspired works, must surely realise that even if Beresford and myself were not out to set the Thames on fire, Kipling must have been a youth of sufficient precocity and originality to give colour to his tales."

"Please," pleaded "Stalky," "do not regard those schoolboy events as so many days' history. They are, for the most part, pure fiction, and it is very embarrassing to have to undergo a cross-examination on any of the incidents so dramatically described!"

THEN "M'TURK"

"I don't know where to begin," said "M'Turk," smiling. "I could tell you so much about the youthful Kipling. He was not carefully brought up by hand, to have particular preferences in public affairs; his education was not conducted in blinkers."

At Westward Hol contrary to the general impression, there was no great propaganda of imperialism, or even patriotism.... In a debate on the subject, the weight of opinion was in favour of joining the Army rather than the Navy.

"What influenced them was that in the Army one wore a more decorative uniform, and had better meals, better beds, and above all, did not get up so early in the morning!"

Pastel portraits of "Stalky" and "M'Turk" were presented to their originals by the Earl of Athlone, while every guest received a special banquet edition of the 20 poems selected by Kipling during his lifetime as the most representative of his popular poems.

PAIN DIED NINETY YEARS AGO

Chloroform was discovered 90 years ago—on November 15, 1847, Prof. James Young Simpson, son of a baker, announced his find to a doubting world.

One day Simpson and a few doctor friends, gathered round a table, slowly sniffed saucersful of one liquid after another—one by one they fell to the floor and when they recovered realised that their discovery would revolutionise medicine and surgery.

Professor Simpson was in charge of the midwifery department of Edinburgh University and decided to give up his calling after he had watched the agonies of a Highland girl during an operation.

CHANGED HIS MIND

But he changed his mind and resolved to seek out the cure of pain—especially that of childbirth.

He spent hundreds of pounds trying to find a satisfactory substance, until an obscure Liverpool chemist suggested the new drug chloroform.

Simpson met with bitter opposition—even on religious grounds; pain, it was said, was natural and it was sinful to lessen it.

To-day the chief use of chloroform is that of 90 years ago: it is still the most effective drug to lessen the pains of childbirth.



QUITS HOLLYWOOD—Exhibiting little of the fiery spirit of his renowned father, here is Vittorio Mussolini, son of the Italian dictator, as he quit Hollywood by plane to go to New York. He gave no reason for his sudden trip.

NOEL COWARD'S FATHER

The story of Noel Coward's love for his aged father lies behind the announcement that Mr. Arthur Sabin Coward left £545 to his widow, Mrs. Violet Agnes Coward.

He died in his 80th year at Golden-Lund Farm, Aldington, Kent, a village on the edge of the Romney Marshes and once the haunt of smugglers.

In 1926 Noel Coward went with his mother to inspect the farm.

They thought it "a bit poky," but as the yearly rent was only £50 and it included six acres of ground, electric light, and a garage, they decided to take it.

His father liked it immediately. There was a muddy yard enclosed by thatched barns which were falling to pieces, two small ponds, five poplars,

Czechs Arrest 926 Spies

Vienna, Dec. 1.

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At Brno yesterday 12 spies, including railway officials and one woman, were sent to prison.

and a ramshackle garden consisting almost entirely of hedges," wrote Noel Coward.

What finally persuaded him to take the farm, however, was the view.

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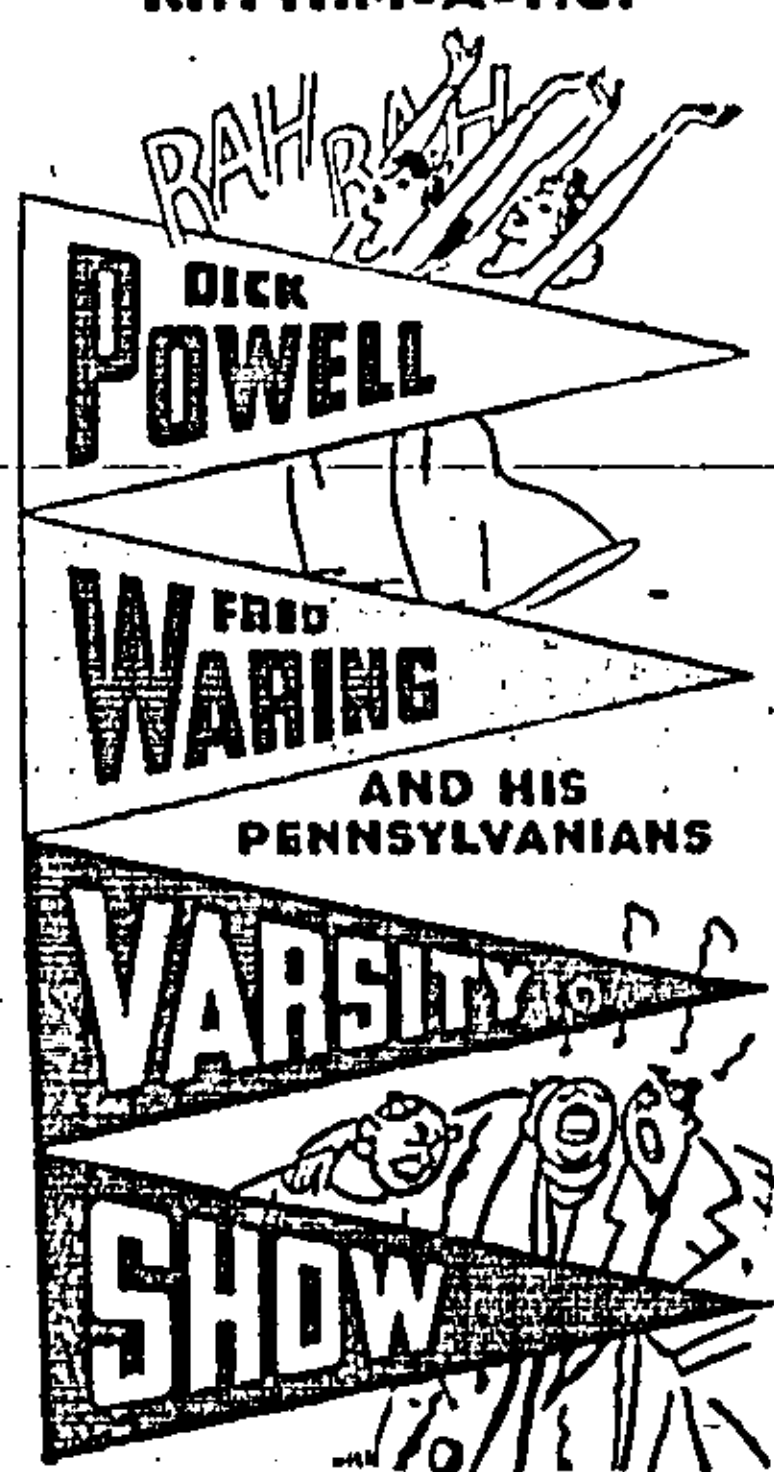
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by fog and most of the roads were
ice-bound. Shipping in the Thames
was blanketed by fog, which extends
westward to Bristol and northward to
Glasgow.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

Wright); March, Faithful and Bold
(Rust).
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DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. Selections from Handel's Oratorio
"The Messiah."
8.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.
9 a.m. Big Ben. Variety.
10 a.m. Big Ben. Music by Eric Coates.
10.10 a.m. "Scrapbook for 1937."
11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
11.20 a.m. Big Ben. Christmas in the
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.
11.30 a.m. Christmas is Coming.
11.45 p.m. Big Ben. "Over the Hill Came
Love."
12.30 p.m. Music Hall, including Bennett
and Williams.
1.35 p.m. The News and Announcements.
1.45 p.m. "The Empire Exchange."
2.10 p.m. The BBC West of England
Singers conducted by Joseph Jenkins.
2.45 p.m. Big Ben. Selections from
Handel's Oratorio.
3.10 p.m. Short Piano-forte Recital by Sara
Glein. "Spanish Composers."
3.15 p.m. "Oliver Twist" (Part 3).
3.20 p.m. Mary the Girl.
3.50 p.m. The News and Announcements.
4.10 p.m. The BBC West of England
Singers conducted by Joseph Jenkins.
4.15 p.m. Big Ben. Christmas in the
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 a.m. "World Affairs." A talk by John C.
Maude.
4.35 p.m. The Morris Motors Band.
5.10 p.m. "Scrapbook for 1937."
5.20 a.m. The News and Announcements.
5.30 p.m. "Key-note Music through the
Ages—12."
5.45 a.m. "World Affairs." A talk by H.
Wickham Steed.
6.20 a.m. "This is England" (Second
Series).
6.35 a.m. Recital by South African
Artist: Adelaide Newman (Piano-forte)
and Louis Diefeld (Violin).
7 a.m. Big Ben. The News and An-
nouncements.
7.20 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 7.15 a.m.
7.30 a.m. "London Streets this Christ-
mas." A talk by John C. Maude.
7.45 a.m. The BBC Military Band; con-
ductor, P. S. G. O'Donnell.
8.15 a.m. "World Affairs." A talk by H.
Wickham Steed.
8.30 a.m. Orchestral Music.
8.50 a.m. "The Escape of the Calliope,"
by (Captain) Tappell Dering
(D.S.O., R.N.). Production by John
Cheal.
9 a.m. Palace of Varieties.
9.45 a.m. Interval.
10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
10.10 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.20 a.m. "As I See It"—A talk by
H. G. Wells.
10.30 a.m. Vocal Recital by Watson Forbes.
10.45 a.m. "Marry the Girl."
11.10 a.m. "World Affairs." A talk by H.
Wickham Steed.
11.30 a.m. Vincent Ladbroke and his
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EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTSNew York, Dec. 20.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary
of yesterday's markets:Prices to-day were higher from
fractious to above three points and
the market was more active, led by
steels. There were evidences that
the buying was selective, but there is
a growing belief that the market has
already discontinued the business
decline. Gold-mining, which were
downward, were the exception to the
general rule. Coppers and silvers
were higher. Aviation was strong.
Chrysler and General Motors rose.
Utilities showed recent high. Mer-
cantile rose fractions above a point,
and were later aided by the improve-
ment in retail sales. Tobacco were
firmer.Bonds were higher and fairly
active, with Government issues
irregular. Curb stocks were higher
and the market was quiet.S. C. & F. New York correspon-
dent cables:
Stocks: Stocks continue to be
well bought, as bullishness spreads.
A further irregular advance is likely.
The Times business index for the
week was 85 as against 84 for the
revised index for last week and 107.5
for the corresponding week of last
year.Cotton: The advance in price
appears insufficient to yet divert the
movement of cotton from the Loan.
The market advances easily, on
security of contracts. Spot enquiry
is improving. There has been a
sharp expansion in textile business.
Ginnings to December 13th, totalled
16,812,000 bales. Out of 9 leading
brokers, 7 are bullish and 2 are
bearish.To-day's was an idle
market and exports were lacking.
Australia is pressing abroad. There
has been a visible decrease in sup-
plies of 5,297,000 bushels. Out of 7
leading brokers, 4 are bullish and 3
are bearish.
Corn: Exports are fair. There
has been a visible increase in
supplies of 1,903,000 bushels. Of 6
leading brokers, all are bullish.PRESIDENT HOOVER
WEATHERS STORMSan Francisco, Dec. 20.
Dollar Line officials have received
a cablegram stating that the Presi-
dent Hoover weathered a severe
gale.The Captain and a crew of 20 are
standing by. Salvage equipment has
arrived and operations would begin
as soon as the weather became
favourable.—Reuter.Rubber: The market is featureless
and business is very quiet.
Hides: Trade reports are more
encouraging. There were small
spot sales at advances.Sugar: The market is quiet and
prices are very steady.Wall Street Journal morning com-
ment.The Journal says that Wall
Street is fairly cheerful, but there
has been no aggressive buying.Brokers reported that there was
more cash buying on Saturday.
Bears believe that there are too
many shorts in leading motor shares.Buyers of oil shares believe that
the first six months of 1938 will be
a good period for the industry.There has been a little domestic
copper buying.Brokers believe that the market, as
a whole, is oversold.

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 19 Close

30 Industrials 123.63 123.68

30 Railroads 31.91 32.58

20 Utilities 21.50 21.80

40 Bonds 93.55 93.79

11 Commodity Index 53.43 53.52

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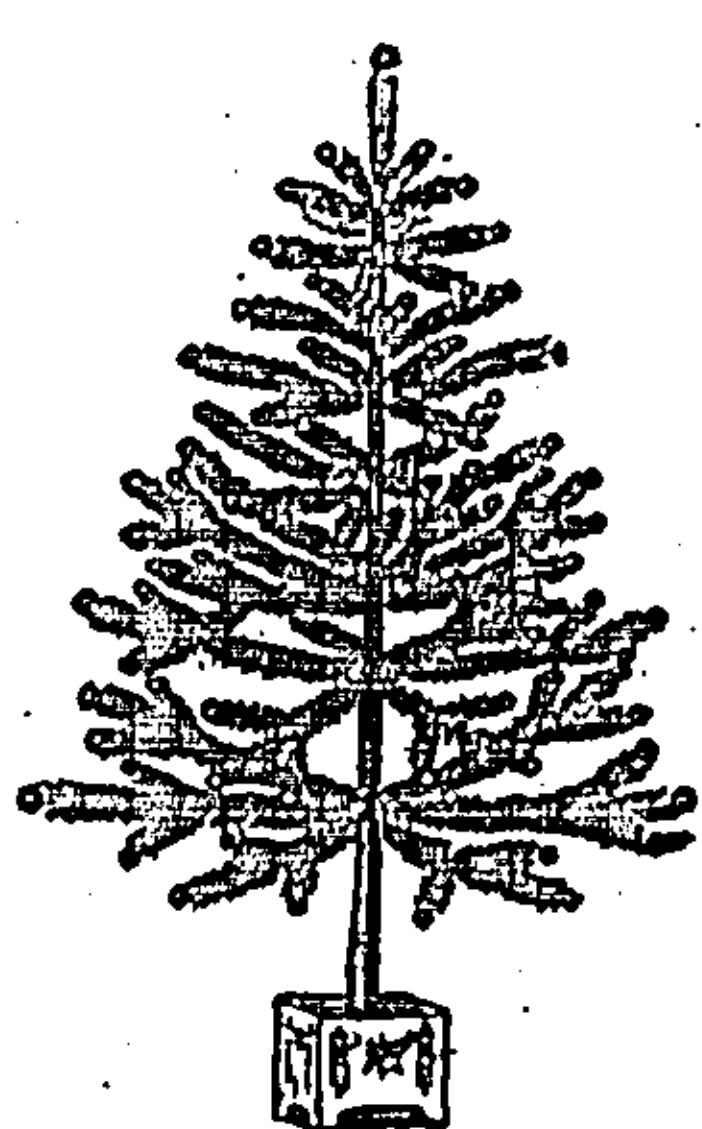
INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Japan	Jeyore	December 21.
Shanghai and Swatow	Luchow	December 21.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Sinkiang	December 21.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 25th November and London Parcels— London date, 18th November.	Corfu	December 22.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 22.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyan	December 22.
Straits	Titan	December 22.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	December 22.
Japan	Atsuta Meru	December 24.
Straits	Burdwan	December 24.
Saloon	D'Artagnan	December 24.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels —London date, 11th November	Mennon	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Rampura	December 24.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	December 24.
Straits	Conte Verde	December 25.
Japan	Deucalion	December 25.
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	December 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	December 25.
Saloon	Barentsz	December 26.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Air- ways Direct Service"—San Fran- cisco date, 15th December.	Pan American Airways Plane	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 26.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Tues., Dec. 21, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Soochow	Tues., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Dec. 22, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow	Hoihow	Wed., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi) via Kong- moon	Fook On	Wed., Dec. 22, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Nan- king (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface trans- port as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 22, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg.,	Dec. 22, 9 a.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 22, 9.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Wed., Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Kanchow	Wed., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	Wed., Dec. 22, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg.,	Dec. 22, 4 p.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	
Thursday		
Swatow	Chaksang	Thurs., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Dec. 23, K.P.O.	
Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Reg.,	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Ord.,	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Reg.,	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Thurs., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Szechuen	Thurs., Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Friday		
Japan	Corfu	Fri., Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	D'Artagnan	Fri., Dec. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only due Vancouver B.C., 12th January 1938)	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Dec. 24.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 24.
via Thursday Island—due Thurs- day Island 6th January, 1938.	Reg.,	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyan	Fri., Dec. 24, 3 p.m.
Straits: Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 21st January, 1938.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 24.
Reg.,	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.	
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Ranpura Amsterdam 2nd January, 1938.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Sat., Dec. 25.
Reg.,	Dec. 25, 9.30 a.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 25, 10 a.m.	
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Fri., Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane Sat., Dec. 25, Direct Service"—due London, 3rd January 1938.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 25.
Reg.,	Dec. 25, 11 a.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 26, 9 a.m.	
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Plane Sat., Dec. 25, Airways Service"—due Darwin, 2nd January 1938.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 25.
Reg.,	Dec. 25, 11 a.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 26, 9 a.m.	
Plane correct the closing times of Imperial Airways Plane the following outward Air Mails— Air Mail for Imperial Airways Direct Service—due London, 3th January, 38. Air Mail for Australia by Imperial Airways Service—due Darwin, 2nd Janu- ary 1938.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 25.
Reg.,	Dec. 25, 11.00 a.m.	
Ord.,	Dec. 26, 9.00 a.m.	
Sunday		
Swatow and Foochow	Yochow	Sun., Dec. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Monday		
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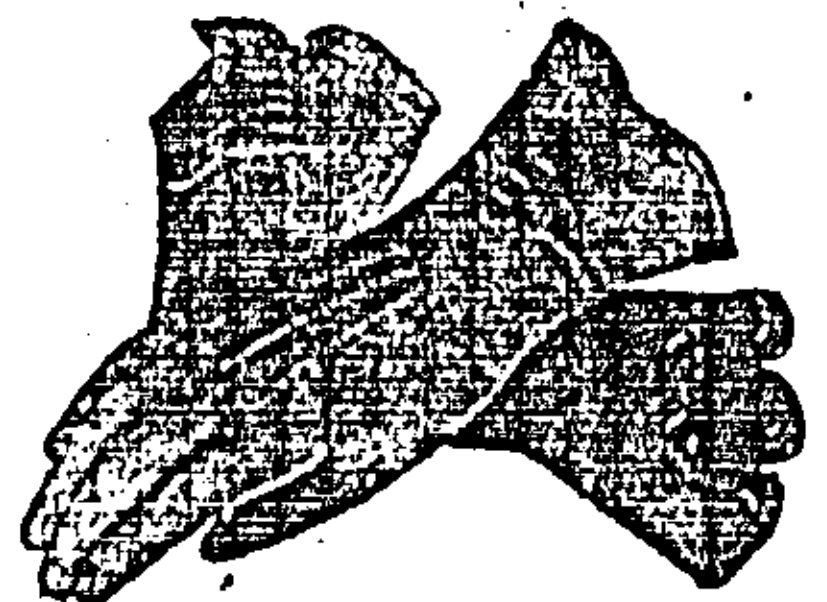
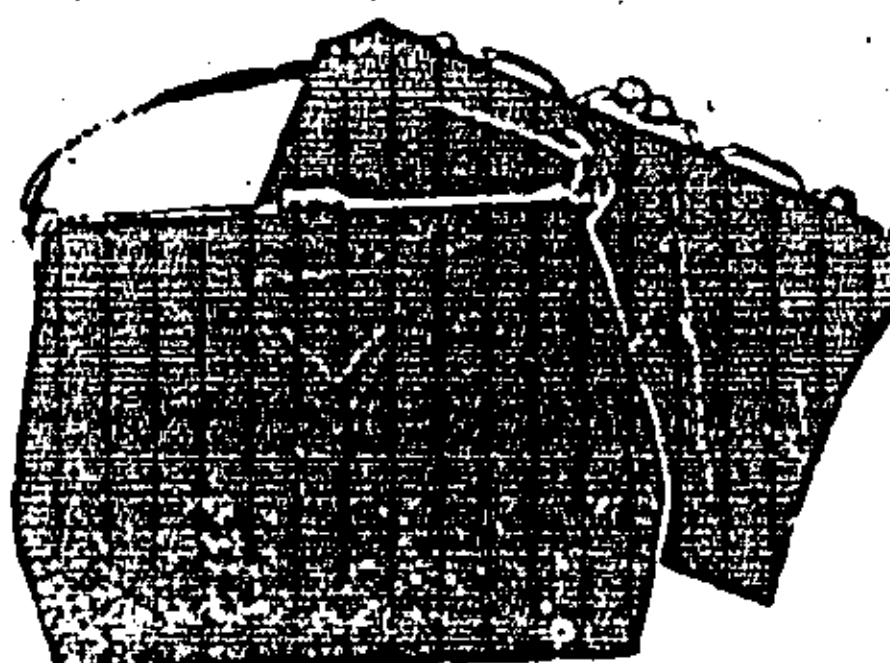
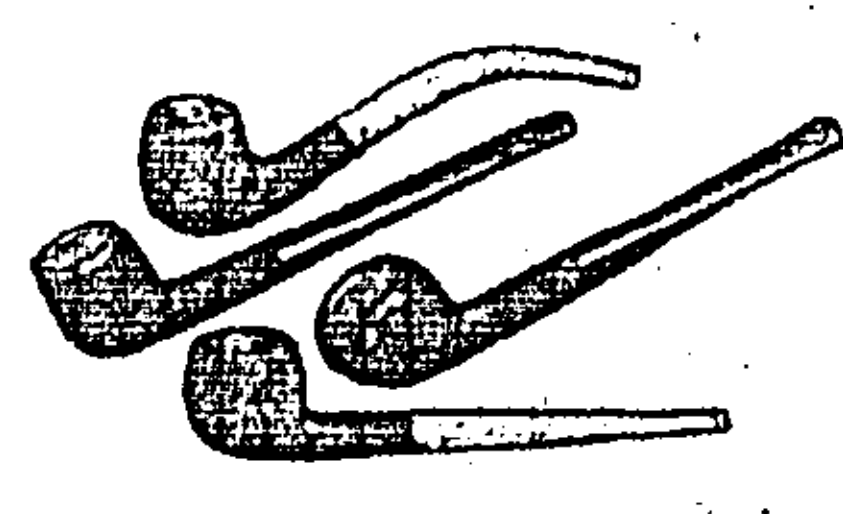
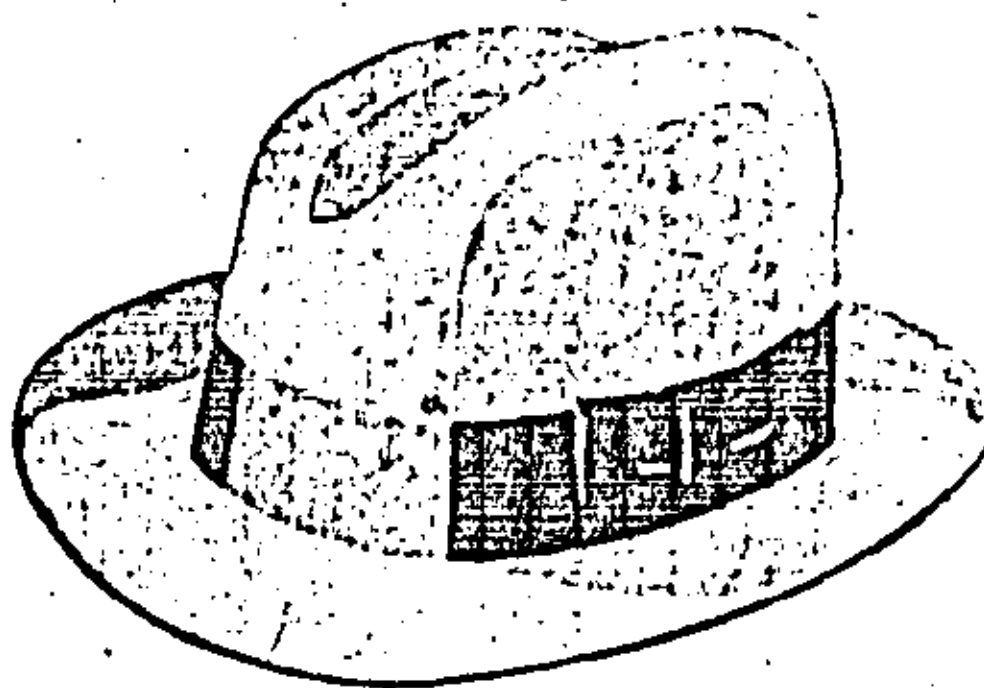
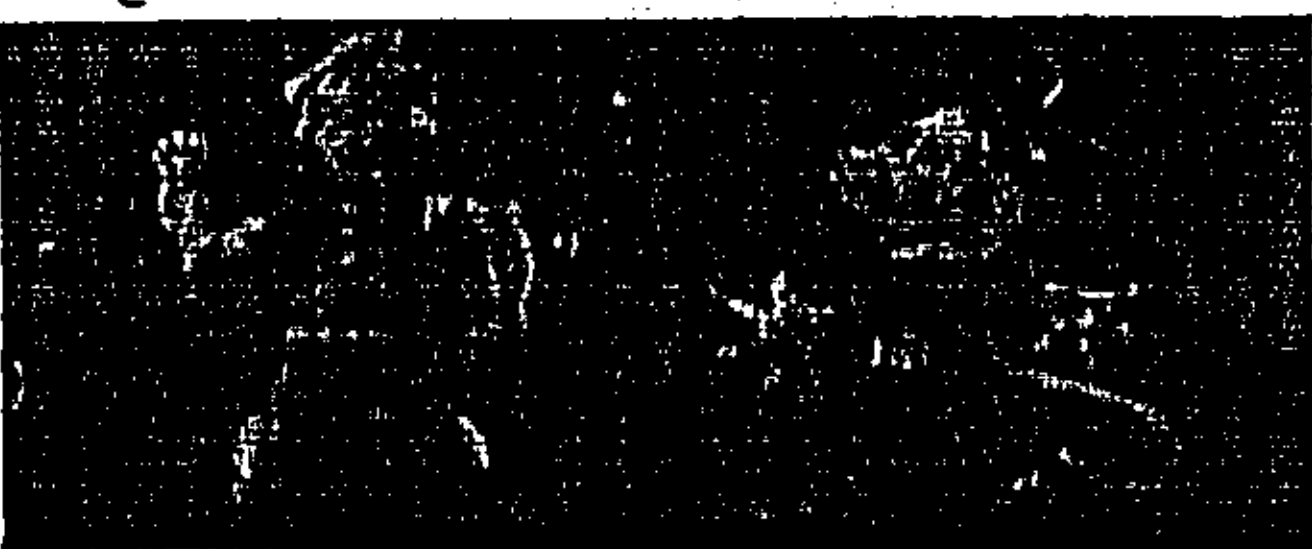
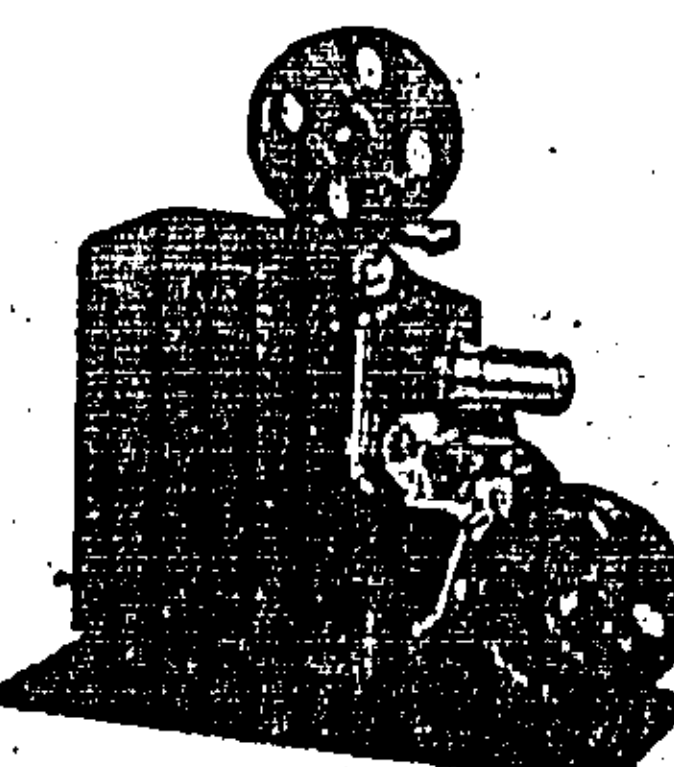
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1937.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Although there were considerable changes in some districts as a result of the recent British municipal elections, the change was but slight if the country as a whole is considered. According to statistics prepared by the London Municipal Society, the net result for 310 towns in England and Wales, not including London, was a gain of nine seats for Labour. Considering the enormous number contested, this is a very small turnover of seats indeed. In Lancashire, where Labour is generally expected to do well, the party lost twenty-five seats and one in Northumberland and Durham respectively; but it gained nine seats in Yorkshire and one in Cheshire. The tendency was apparently for Labour to gain ground in the small towns, and in places where new boroughs have recently been formed in which seats were being contested for the first time, and to lose ground in the larger towns. London was an exception to this, however, for, in the Capital, Labour increased its existing majority, and it is now in control of 17 of the 28 London boroughs.

There are various peculiarities about the Municipal elections, compared with the Parliamentary elections. There is a lack of uniformity in the composition of the local councils. In the provinces, for example, one-third of the members of the councils retire annually and consequently there are annual elections, whereas in London all the members of the councils retire every third year and the elections are therefore held only once in three years. This year the London elections were held at the same time as the other municipal elections throughout the country, at the beginning of November, and there were about 3,000 candidates for the 1,377 London seats. From one point of view, the London elections are therefore of greater importance than the provincial ones, and they arouse a correspondingly greater interest.

This question of public interest is another subject for speculation and enquiry. It is well-known that the local elections create much less public interest than the Parliamentary elections. There is not the same tense popular feeling and excitement. Many observers have commented that this is strange in view of the fact that local government so closely affects the health and general well-being of the community. Parliament makes the country's laws, but the local councils are largely responsible for their administration. Public health services,

THIS year the Hongkong Christmas air mail will arrive in England five days before Christmas, having taken a steady (but certain) nine days for the trip. Let us follow a letter from start to finish.

The mail left the Head Post Office in Des Voeux Road and went by lorry to Kai Tak Aerodrome, about ten miles from

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the centre of the town. Here it was loaded into a D.H. Airliner of the Diana type, a machine powered with four Gipsy engines.

The route from Hongkong is westward bound to Penang, the first stop 800 odd miles away.

The route from Penang to Bangkok crosses the high mountains of Siam and Lower Burma. After taking off from Bangkok and climbing over the tops of more mountains, four hours later the Imperial Airways machine—as it is now—arrives at Rangoon—a wonderful city easily distinguishable from far away by its towering pagoda.

Dangerous Hills

FROM Rangoon the direction is westward across the Irawadi delta, and then by way of Bassin to the coast of Burma. The hills between Rangoon and Akyab are high and dangerous.

After Akyab the next stopping-place is Calcutta, 300 odd miles farther on and the end of the sixth day's journey.

The arrival at Dum Dum Aerodrome is in the evening, ready to start, early the next morning, a flight practically across India, Calcutta to Jodhpore is a distance of over 1,100 miles.

Passing to the westward of Benares, the next call is Allahabad, on the great Ganges river. It is not possible to stop here long as Cawnpore and Delhi have to be visited before the journey's end on the seventh day is reached.

Cawnpore, 100 miles from Allahabad, is also on the Ganges,

housing, education, road maintenance, public assistance and a host of other services depend upon the local authorities for their efficient administration. One authority recently estimated that local government administration in Great Britain is now responsible for an annual expenditure of about £530,000,000.

Perhaps the fact that there is no single issue before the electors as a whole is responsible for the lack of excitement during the municipal elections. In Liverpool, for example, Labour lost eight seats for quite other reasons than those responsible for its loss of six seats in Bolton, another Lancashire town. Frequently a number of the items on the party programmes involve no great difference in fundamental principles. This year there was a striking similarity between the claims of some rival candidates, what differences there were being mainly concerned with proposed methods of dealing with certain problems, or in the emphasis laid upon different parts of a scheme under discussion, or already decided upon.

Indeed, an outstanding feature of this year's elections was the convincing statement which each party was able to make about the progress of reformist measures for which it was responsible. Both parties have made strenuous efforts to further the Government's policy in regard to housing, slum clearance, and public health measures. While enthusiastic party supporters would therefore do their utmost to win, those with no strong party ties—those who form the bulk of the electorate and whose votes consequently decide the issue—no doubt felt confident that neither party would shrink responsibilities in regard to efficient local government.

The mail plane arrives at Croydon



CHRISTMAS Under Eastern Skies

"MELLY KLISMAS!" Amah stands beaming in the doorway on Christmas morning with a large parcel tied up in the usual cheerful "good joss" red paper. It contains, mercifully, only coat-hangers, which she has covered herself. We breathe again, remembering last Christmas, when she produced a large pink satin cushion adorned with a pen painting of a purple-faced child leaning against a sky-blue dog. It was the work of a niece, unfortunately achieving a Western education, and it was so terrible that it still lives in the drying room. Our excuse for housing it there is our fear that "If leave outside can spoilum." Heaven forgive us.

In our "outpost of Empire," as home orators love to describe it, Christmas has a flavour all its own. Although we are placed two degrees in the tropics, it is cold at Christmas time, and fur coats are seen in church on Christmas Day. Consequently, one does not feel that aversion to plum pudding and mince pies which comes to one in the steamy heat of places uncomfortably near the Equator. Moreover, the Chinese cooks are adepts in providing good fare. They would not produce, as did a Ceylon cook on one occasion, a more or less caudined turkey crouching grimly on the dish with its head still attached. "Boy," cried horrified hostess, "Why cook burning so much? Why

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on the morning of its last day to Le Bourget Airport. Then into the air once again to fly over the two hundred miles or so to its journey's end.

There is an undefinable thrill of achievement when the English Channel is crossed. A greater thrill still when aeroplane wheels touch Croydon aerodrome's surface and the flight is over.

Hongkong has been left almost in summer halfway across the world—yet here is your greeting in England the day before Christmas and in the middle of our English winter.

Your message has been flown across seas, deserts, rice fields, mountains, strange cities and stranger people, to arrive bringing seasonal greetings home from the outposts of the Empire to the Motherland.

The World's Greatest Ghost Story

By Lewis Spence

AFTER perusing thousands of ghost stories, I have come to the conclusion that the tale which deals with the apothecary of Croydon opens up possibilities of horror more potent than any conceived by Dr. James or Mr. Algernon Blackwood.

Indeed, though it purports to be fact, it bears a distinct resemblance to more than one of the "Ghost Stories of an Antiquary." In its atmosphere of dreadful reality it transcends, I think, the artificial weirdness of mere fiction.

We have the most excellent vouchers for its truth. The earliest is George Sinclair, Professor of Philosophy at Glasgow from 1654 to 1660, a famous mathematician of his day, and an authority on the commercial values of coal.

It is included in the collection of occult records published by him at Edinburgh in 1665, and it was copied by Joseph Glanville, Chaplain to King Charles II, in his volume on witchcraft, "Siddiachus Triluminatus," as an important part of the evidence for human immortality. But the excitement it aroused in Silesia made it a subject for dispute in the University of Leipzig, where its details were debated with the greatest warmth and acumen.

In the spring of the year 1659, says Sinclair, one Christopher Monnik, resident assistant to an apothecary in Silesia, died, and was buried according to the rites of the Lutheran Church. A few days after his interment he appeared at his master's shop in his usual habit and mien, and began to busy himself in the compounding of drugs, making up prescriptions, and serving customers at the counter.

It so happened that his employer, the apothecary, was at that time suffering from a severe attack of gout, and was in no condition to make inquiries into his assistant's strange reappearance. His fellow employees, however, who were fully aware of his death and burial, were wholly terrified at first, but as

Monnik displayed none of the usual signs associated with ghostly apparitions and seemed perfectly natural in his manner and look, except for a certain ghostliness of visage, they concluded that he had been restored to life by medical aid.

Scores of people, patronising the apothecary's shop for drugs and cosmetics, saw and spoke to Monnik and observed nothing very unusual about him. He certainly revealed a strange impatience with his master, who, in the throes of a gouty seizure, was scarcely competent to attend to his business.

Monnik, it is said, snatched prescriptions from his hand in the rudest manner, and made them up himself. But it was particularly noticed that he could not bear the light of a candle, which he always placed behind the stove.

After a day or so of this kind of thing he took an old cloak which hung up in the shop, donned it, and sallied out into the streets. He visited several houses, where he had formerly been known, to the terror of their occupants, but spoke to nobody. On his way back to the apothecary's he met a servant maid whom he had known, and to whom he spoke. He asked her to go to his master's house and dig in one of the cellars, where she would find a treasure of great value.

The girl, who was fully aware of his death, swooned away in sheer fright. He raised her from the pavement, and when she had sufficiently recovered she made the best of her way home, where she again collapsed. But she told the apothecary of the meeting and the cellar was searched, but at that was found there was an old pot containing a single blood-stone.

The grim story of these extraordinary happenings circulated through the place with the rapidity of wildfire, and the authorities resolved to take

action. The Princess Elizabeth Charlotte, who then acted as the town's chief Magistrate, gave orders for the exhumation of Monnik's body, which was found to be in an advanced state of decomposition. The apothecary was advised to remove the young man's possessions, his clothes and linen, out of the house, and this was done. From that moment no thing more was seen of Monnik, either in bodily or astral shape.

"Some people now living," adds Sinclair, "will take their oaths upon it that they well remember they saw him after decease, and the thing being so notorious, there was instituted a public disputation about it in the Academy of Leipzig by Henry Conrad, who disputed for his doctor's degree in the University."

The circumstances were communicated to Sinclair by the learned Anthony Horneck, D.D., a famous Dutch theologian, whose treatises on witchcraft are well known. But there is one aspect of it—folklore aspect—which I should like to stress. Silesia, where all this took place, is well within that region where the belief in vampires held sway until a few generations ago.

The idea that certain persons remained after death in a dead-alive condition and were capable of leaving their places of burial in the corporeal state was at the period in question a far-flung superstition in that part of Europe embraced by Bohemia, Hungary, Russia, and the Balkan States. It is clear, too, that his work as an apothecary had led Monnik to the study of alchemy, as the discovery of the noblet containing the bloodstone reveals.

Post mortem appearances are almost invariably associated with some overwhelming life ambition, "the ruling spirit strong in death." Was the soul of the hapless apothecary vexed by the notion that some formula he thought he had discovered for the making of gold might be lost, and did he try to take measures to avert this? Whatever the explanation, the whole incident appeals to me, as I have said, as "the world's greatest ghost story."

POLICE RESERVE
ORDERSTWO MEN
COMMENDED

The following are Police Reserve Orders by Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Inspector General of Police:

GENERAL

The Inspector General of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) with all ranks of the Hongkong Police Reserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CHINESE COMPANY

Commendation.—Constables 1220 Leung On-tai and 15 Woo How-ching, are commended by the Inspector General of Police for alertness and zeal shown whilst on duty in Kinsai Street at 1205 hours on September 16, 1937 by giving chase and assisting in securing the arrest of a Chinese male Tse Fei who was subsequently charged with and convicted of:

(a) Burglary, (b) Being in possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Tse Fei was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment on the first charge and 3 months' imprisonment on the second charge, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also recommended for banishment.

Anti-Gas Lectures.—The undermentioned members will report daily (all Chinese Company Headquarters) at 17.30 hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, December 20, 21, 22, and 24 for Anti-Gas Course Lectures:

Constables R1 Harry Lau, R2 Chan Tak-chiu, R3 Luk Yim-choi, R4 Tam Hiu-tung, R5 Woo How-ching, R6 Chan Shik-chun, R9 Wong Yue-chuen, R11 Kwok Shu-shau, R14 Leung Fat, R15 Chen Wing-soon, and R20 Leung On-tai.

Inspection.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, December 23, at 17.30 hours for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brass Buckle, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

INDIAN COMPANY

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Training Course.—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Indian Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, December 21, at 17.30 hours.

Constables R240 M. Y. Khan, R297 Karam Khan, R211 S. Aras, R242 A. Aziz, R215 Feroz Khan, R210 Nur Ahmed, R223 Firdos Khan, R220 Mohammed Rashid Malik, R230 Mohammed Asghar, R270 Mir Wali Khan, and R221 Haldun Ali.

Meeting.—A N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at the Emergency Unit Reserve Club on Wednesday, December 22, at 17.30 hours. All N.C.O.'s will attend.

C. CHAMPKIN,
D. S. P. (R).

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGEYESTERDAY'S CABLED
QUOTATIONS

London, Dec. 20.		Dec. 17, Dec. 20.	
War Loan 3½% (Med.)	101.11/16	101.11/16	101.11/16
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1938	88	88	88
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-27	75½	75½	75½
Chinese 4½% Anglo-Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1932	93	93	93
Chinese 5% Roor's Loan, 1913 (Ind. Tr.)	38½	38½	38½
Chinese Imperial Ry. 5½% (Brit. Stp. Sup. Loan)	43	43	43
Hankow Ry. 5½% 1905	36	36	36
Hankow Ry. 5½% 1913	36	36	36
Shanghai-Nanking Ry. 5½% 1913	43	43	43
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5½% (Brit. Stp. Sup. Loan)	32	32	32
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5½% (German Stp. Sup. Loan)	32	32	32
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5½% (Brit. Stp. Sup. Loan)	32	32	32
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5½% (German Stp. Sup. Loan)	32	32	32
Japan 5% Sterling 1907	55½	55½	55½
Japan 5% Sterling 1924	60½	60½	60½
Gov. Tr. Loan, 1913	140½	140½	140½
Chartered Bank	12½	12½	12½
H.K. & S. Banking Corp. (Ind. Tr.)	60½	60½	60½
Chinese Enk. & Min.	17½	17½	17½
Chosen Corporation	11½	11½	11½
Pekin Syndicate	4½	4½	4½
Shai Elec. Construction	32½	32½	32½
Shai Waterworks Co. "A"	30	30	30
Union Insurance Society	34	34	34
Qila Kumumpong Rubber	29½/4	29½/4	29½/4
Assac. & Rice Industries	22½	22½	22½
Austrian Motors	44½/4	44½/4	44½/4
Cable & Wireless, Gen.	31½	31½	31½
Form. ord.	67½	67½	67½
British-American Tobacco (Theater)	109½/4	109½/4	109½/4
Cannell Ltd., ord.	11½	11½	11½
Courtauld	12½	12½	12½
Distillers	101½	101½	101½
Dunlop Rubber	102½	102½	102½
General Elec. (Eng.)	37½/4	37½/4	37½/4
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	121½	121½	121½
Hawley Siddeley	49½	49½	49½
Imperial Chemical Indus.	35½	35½	35½
Imperial Tobacco	140½/4	140½/4	140½/4
Marks & Spencer "A"	50½/4	50½/4	50½/4
Rolls Royce	96½/4	96½/4	96½/4
Leyland Motors	81½	81½	81½
Tate & Lyle	82½/4	82½/4	82½/4
Turner Newall	87½/4	87½/4	87½/4
United Steel	37½/4	37½/4	37½/4
Smithwick Drop Forge	19½	19½	19½
Armstrong-Hewson	17½	17½	17½
Pressed Steel, com.	29½	29½	29½
Woolworths	26½/4	26½/4	26½/4
Anglo-Dutch	59½	59½	59½
Rubber Plantation Invest.	26½/4	26½/4	26½/4

SHOOTING OF
CHINESE COOK
INVESTIGATEDFURTHER EVIDENCE
AT INQUEST

Sitting as Coroner at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, Mr. K. Keen heard further evidence in the inquiry into the death of a cook named Ho Chun, aged 30, who was shot by a constable while allegedly resisting arrest on August 13. The jury comprised Messrs. J. D. Minihett (Foreman), Yu Tse-chiu and Hung Chiu-lin.

Inspector E. C. Post conducted the inquest for the police, and Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, kept a watch on the proceedings.

Chan King, a noodle maker, said that deceased and he were childhood friends. On the morning of August 13, he, deceased and another man named So Sin went to a cigarette shop in Canton Road to settle a matter which occurred earlier in the morning when deceased had sent So Sin's husband to buy two cents worth of cigarettes. Instead of returning with four cigarettes for the two cents, So Sin had handed deceased only two, as the woman shop-keeper had alleged that he had not given her two cents but one, which sum could only buy two cigarettes.

When they arrived at the cigarette shop deceased began questioning the woman concerning the tendering of the two cents to her by So, and finally he said that if she had been a man he would have struck her. The woman's husband came out from inside the shop and told deceased that he was a man. Although an argument began between the two there was no fight, and as deceased was walking away from the shop a man named Lau Lam, a constable's assistant, came out of a house nearby.

STRUGGLE DESCRIBED

On hearing the shop-keeper saying that deceased had wanted to fight, Lau went up to deceased and tried to strike him; eventually a constable came on the scene of disturbance and attempted to arrest deceased who, in the course of a struggle, fell to the ground. On getting up he ran into a shop and was closely chased by Lau and the constable. A few minutes later, said witness, he heard the sound of three revolver shots coming from inside the shop, and later saw the constable and Lau coming out from the house.

Sin Chan, a man, said that he saw deceased resisting being arrested by a constable who had accosted him for fighting. The deceased and the constable struggled.

Another man named Lam Kuen said that he saw deceased and a constable struggling in his house in Canton Road on the morning of August 13. Deceased was lying on the floor holding on tightly to a door of a cubicle. Not being able to break of a cubicle, the constable walked towards the front part of the house and as he did this deceased got up and ran towards the rear part of the house. The constable and another man gave chase. Shortly after this he heard gun shots coming from the back of the premises.

After this evidence the further hearing was adjourned until December 29.

RUSSIAN ARTIST
SENT FOR TRIALALLEGEDLY ADMITTED
SWINDLE

Nicolai Pavlovich Custareff, 31, Russian artist, was committed for trial by Mr. Perdue at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of forging and uttering.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Defendant was alleged to have obtained two \$5 banknotes and to have altered the last number of one from 6 into an 0 to make the whole number exactly the same as that on the other note, thereby forging it. The Crown alleged that defendant had so forged the note so as to gain the confidence of a widow with whom he had made friends, and then to swindle her of her money.

Custareff was alleged to have gone through a long process of wetting, rolling and drying a note wrapped in pieces of paper, and to have produced a second note of the same denomination at the end of the experiment. The Crown submitted that defendant had not in fact manufactured a second note, as he appeared to have done, but, by a clever conjuring trick, had substituted the other banknote.

C. Custareff, of the Queen's Theatre, said he employed Custareff to paint posters, at the end of September.

In answer to the first charge Custareff stated: "I knew the notes to be genuine, not forged." To the second he said: "I did swindle the woman. She asked me for a forgery. I could not make forgeries, so I altered something in the genuine note, to make money."

NOTES ON
SERVICERecent Appointments
To China Station

Recent appointments notified by the Admiralty include the following to the China Station:

Chaplain Rev. W. J. Williams to Medway (Dec. 31).

Lts. R. M. Gallaway to Proteus (date to be reported); L. W. Napier to Medway (Dec. 12); J. E. Manners to Birmingham (Jan. 4).

Lt. (E.) P. F. N. Parker to Medway (Dec. 11).

Sub-Lts. R. R. Simpson, R. E. Boddington, W. A. Phillimore, to Medway; T. E. Barlow to Orpheus; P. Chapman to Rainbow; H. D. Verschoyle to Parthian (on relief).

Wt. Shipt. W. H. Hobbs to Tamar for Hongkong Dockyard (Feb. 10).

CHIEF OF STAFF

Captain E. R. Bent, D.S.C., has been appointed to succeed Captain G. D. O'Byrne, D.S.C., as Chief of Staff and Maintenance of the Plymouth Command, and will take up his new duties on January 11.

Captain Bent recently gave up the command of H.M.S. Derwent after three years in China and the Eastern Mediterranean. He was gunnery lieutenant during the War of the Ocean, until she was sunk at the Dardanelles; and of the Lord Nelson and the Agamemnon, also in the Eastern Mediterranean, and the Heracles in the Grand Fleet. The D.S.C. was awarded him for services at Gallipoli in 1915. As a captain since 1927 he has commanded the cruisers, Champion, at Portsmouth, and Danae, in the West Indies, and in 1932-34 was Deputy Director of Naval Ordnance.

PAYMASTER-CAPTAIN PARSONS

Paymaster-Commander S. S. C. Parsons, O.B.E., the senior officer of the rank on the active list, was placed on the retired list with the rank of paymaster-captain recently, on attaining the age limit of 50. He entered the Service as an assistant clerk in January, 1905, on board H.M.S. Cumberland, Captain H. G. King-Hall. During the war he served on the staff of Vice-Admirals Gamble and Sturdee, commanding the 4th Battle Squadron, Grand Fleet, and also with Admiral Colville when Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth. From November, 1917, he was secretary to Rear-Admiral Clinton-Baker, Admiral of Mining, and was awarded the D.S.C. in 1919 for services in connection with the organization of the mining bases for the laying of the northern barrage. After the War he was secretary to Admiral Clinton-Baker in the 2nd Battle Squadron, the East Indies Command, and the Reserve Office, and in 1927 was with Vice-Admiral John Kelly in the 1st Battle Squadron. He has also been an accountant officer of the Renown and Royal Sovereign, and destroyers-in-Chief. During the past two years he has been in charge of Royal Fleet Reserve accounts at Portsmouth Barracks.

STAFF DUTIES DIVISION

Commander W. O. Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, D.S.O., now attending the R.A.F. Staff College course at Andover, is to join the Training and Staff Duties Division of the Naval Staff in succession to Commander P. B. R. W. William-Powlett, who will assume command of the Erebus, former officer destroyers and submarines during the War, and was awarded the D.S.C. for service as second-in-command of L 11 in the Baltic during 1910. His last sea service was in China as executive officer of the minelayer Adventure.

COMMANDER R. MACKENZIE

Commander R. E. F. McQ. Mackenzie, D.S.O., joins the staff of the Director of Naval Equipment, in succession to Commander A. M. Bingham, who is to attend the 1938 course at the R. N. Staff College. Commander Mackenzie is a Staff College graduate of 1926 and a torpedo specialist. His D.S.C. was awarded in May, 1918, for service as sub-lieutenant and lieutenant in the Royalist in the Mediterranean. For two years up to March last he commanded H.M.S. Sandwich in China.

COMMANDER K. M. FARDELL

Lieutenant-Commander K. M. FardeLL, the senior officer of his rank on the active list, is retiring with the rank of commander with effect from December 12. He has been 32 years in the Navy. When the War broke out he was sub-lieutenant of the river gunboat Kinsha, on the Yangtze. Early in 1915 he joined H.M.S. Agincourt in the Grand Fleet, and served in the monitor General Crauford, Captain E. Altham, in the Dover Patrol. He afterwards went in for submarine duties, obtaining command in April, 1920. From 1921 he served in the Trident, Conflower, and Chrysanthemum, in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, and Mediterranean, and from 1926 in the training service at Devonport.

TRAINING IN MINESWEEPING

The Cedar commissioned at Portsmouth recently under Lieutenant-Commander E. W. Dennett, late of the minelayer Adventure in China, for service in the 6th Minesweeping Flotilla, employed on training duties at Portland. The Cedar is one of the steam trawlers purchased at Hull in 1935 for minesweeping service, and during 1936 she was with the

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having head?" The boy went off to inquire. He returned blind and smiling: "Cook saying some master very much liking turkey head."

A further disaster followed. The hostess, newly out from home, had inadvertently made "hard sauce" to accompany the plum pudding. She had put it in the ice-chest after showing it proudly to the boy. The boy had not informed the cook. Consequently, when the plum pudding—cut out at an early festive candle—appeared, there was no sign of the hard sauce, only a hot brownish viscous fluid in a sauceboat.

"Boy," cried the agonised hostess, "Where did that sauce go?" "I, asking cook," replied the boy. He disappeared. "That cook saying he thinking you like him making that sauce nice not for you." The eastern servant's power of excuse-making is astounding.

To Hongkong in clear, sunny, cold weather, Christmas comes in its most cheerful aspect. Men, women and children, thrown together thousands of miles from home, make up their minds to enjoy themselves. Local conditions produce special incidents.

The first harbingers of Christmas are a ham from the compradore—a poor return for the exorbitant charges extending over a two-week month; a basket of oranges from the somewhat less rapacious fruit seller; and several welcome gifts of tea, dried fishes and ginger from kind Chinese friends.

It was our first Christmas in Hongkong, and I was immersed in the receipt and despatch of presents, when the boy, Ah Choy, announced: "Oh dear!" I groaned, looking at a table laden with coloured paper, tags, coloured string. "Well, I suppose I must see them. Show them in, Ah Choy."

Three stalwart Sikhs, turbaned, khaki-clad, stalked into the room preceded by an astonishing gurgling noise. "What on earth—" Before I could finish my sentence the first guard held out a large live turkey, struggling and gobbling. The second produced a highly-coloured handkerchief, and the third a large basket of flowers, together with three Christmas cards, obviously all alike. "For Sahib," said the first, "I must see them. Show them in, Ah Choy."

"Thank you so much," at the same time keeping out of range of the infuriated turkey. "I think you had better give them some lemonade and biscuits, Ah Choy—and take the turkey—must first telephone." Then Danaos of dogs forewent, I did not know what the procedure would be in such a case. The authority whom I consulted said: "Give them the equivalent of their presents in cash."

The turkey made the air hideous with his voice till he appeared on the table at Christmas, the bandman handkerchief reposes in a drawer, the basket of flowers died on me almost before the guards had stalked away. The reason, was revealed by the ever-beautiful Ah Choy. Those rose only head on sticks. True enough, the thin sticks, to give a symmetrical shape to the basket, I suppose, this strange fashion is dying out since Flower Street has learnt more up-to-date methods and no longer applies Chinese torture to roses.

But it is through Christmas cards that the most joyful moments are experienced. Ah Choy has a pretty taste in cards. Last year he came beaming with three cards exactly alike. "One for Master and Lady from Cook and me, one please send Lady Mother one Master and Mother." Ah Choy is of the school which still fervently reverences old age.

I looked at the cards and controlled my emotion sufficiently to say: "How nice, Ah Choy!" On each card was a picture representing a black bird sitting on a branch and dandling a toy bird tantalously above the nose of a black cat, standing on its hind legs. Below was printed:—

"Catch this birdie, it will bring happiness to you, old thing."

"Old thing!" The words had caught Ah Choy's eye. This must be the name of respectfulness in a form of address. I wish we could have seen the respective parents' faces when the cards reached them.

But it was a local Chinese company that surpassed itself. To the senior British officials of the Colony came a very florid card which declared:—

"I wish you dear, on Christmas Day
More loving thoughts than words can say.
The rose is red, the violet's blue,
Carnation's sweet, and so are you."

Was it the company's own choice or had they been the victim of a practical joker? In any case, the card remains a joyful souvenir.

—From Lady Southorn's "Under the Mosquito Curtain."

5th Flotilla in the Eastern Mediterranean.

SEAFORTH'S DRAFTS COMING

A detachment, comprising about 135 men, of the 2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, left Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, early this month for Hongkong where the 1st Battalion of the regiment is already situated. The men left by special train from Maryhill station for Southampton. This is the first detachment to leave the barracks since the Seaforth Highlanders arrived at Maryhill. The next departure will be in February, when a second detachment will also be drafted to Hongkong.

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12.30 Gerald & His Orchestra and

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
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1.15 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Sailing On The Robert E. Lee...Harry Roy's Tiger Rag-muffins; Stop! You're breaking My Heart; Whispers In The Dark (film Artists & Models); Gone With The Wind (from the film); The First Time I Saw You (film Toast of New York)...Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Report and Announcements.
1.35 K.T.
1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: A well-known lady resident of Hongkong. Subject: "The Spirit of Christmas."

2.15 Close down.
4.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Talking Through My Heart; You Came To My Rescue (film The Big Broadcast of 1937)...Henry King & His Orchestra; Waltzes Cuckoo Waltz; Brigitte Waltz...Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Gracie Fields; Sandy The Detective (Comedy); Sketches—Sandy Powell & Company; Ole Faithful (Carry); Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carry); Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton)...The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano)—and Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.

1. Allerseele (R. Strauss); Sonnet (R. Strauss)...Eva Turner (Soprano); 2. Album for the Young No. 13 (Schumann)...A. T. Lay (Piano); 3. Duet—Valkyrie (Mendelssohn); Herbstlied (Mendelssohn)...Eva Turner (Soprano) and Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano); 4. Album for the Young No. 22 (Schumann)...A. T. Lay (Piano); 5. Du Bist Der Ruh (Schubert); Die Forelle (Schubert)...Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.30 Schubert—Unfinished Symphony (No. 8 in B Minor).
Played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

8.30 Schubert—Marche Militaire.
Played by the Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

9.0 London Relay—Marry The Girl by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs.
The court room scene of this Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn farce adapted as a musical comedy by George Arthurs. Music by Jack Clarke. Production by F. H. C. Pittard.

9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.50 Musical Comedy Selections.
"London Rhapsody"—Vocal Selection (Carr & Kennedy)...The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Jack Fennell. Crest of the Wave (Hassall & Novello); Haven O' Your Heart...Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Rose Of England...Edgar Elmes (Baritone).

Crays Days—Selection (Eytton, Carter & Keyser)...The Shaftesbury Theatre Orchestra, London, cond. Billy Mayerl. Vocalists: M. Browne & F. Conyngham; The Gold Diggers Of Broadway—Selection (Burke).
Regal Cinema Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Starkey with Quentin M. Maclean and the Organ.

10.15
Streets this Christmastime.
A talk by John C. Maude.
10.30 London Relay—The Morris Motors Band Conductors: Sydney V. W. W.

Overture, Lustspiel (Keler-Bela); Escapade (A Mexican Elopement) (Phillips); Rhapsody, Owan Glyndwr (Malwyn Price); Jungle (Keteley); Selection, White Horse Inn (Sinz and Benetky, arr. D. (Continued on Page 4.)

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Additional advertising required for Friday, must be booked not later than noon on the 23rd instant.

UNDERGRADS BEATEN AT BADMINTON

CLOSE VICTORY SCORED BY CHINESE "Y"

UNAVAILING EFFORT BY K. L. YONG & P. K. HUI

(By "Ab")

University "A", last season's champions, suffered their first defeat in the present Men's Doubles badminton League last night when they visited the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and were beaten by the odd game in nine. The issue was open until the last encounter of the evening.

It was an interesting match to watch as some very fine badminton was served up. The home team deserved to win because they were the better-balanced side; their third pair managed to win a game and this made all the difference to the result of the whole match.

University's defeat has thus strengthened the hand of the Club de Recreio "A", who were not engaged last night owing to the last-minute cancellation of their fixture with the University "B". However, if the undergraduates manage to beat the Portuguese players, the three leading teams will be on level terms again.

I do not know whether the undergraduates were under-estimating the Chinese "Y" or not, but they certainly were asking for trouble. The team they turned out was far from representative of their full strength and it was not surprising at all that they were beaten. One of their players, C. K. Lee, was suffering from a sprained ankle and yet he was allowed to participate in such an important fixture. As to be expected, he was unable to do himself justice, being unable to run about the court. His partner, C. O. Lee, was looking far from fit. The upshot was that the "Y" were presented with three games.

To make the situation more puzzling, C. H. Soon, K. S. Liew and P. E. Tan, three former stalwarts, were present at the match, merely holding a watching brief over the whole proceedings. I feel certain that had any two of these three played in place of the two Lees, the result would have been different.

As it was, the gallant attempt of K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui to save the side proved unavailing. This was a pity because the magnificent play of this pair deserved a better fate; certainly they deserved better support from their teammates. They won all three games, and yet the side was beaten 5-4.

T. F. Yong and P. K. Chen started impressively enough, but were badly beaten by P. H. Wong and C. E. Ching. They never quite recovered from the shock and eventually had to go down to Y. C. Au and F. Koh in the third set.

Yong and Hui were at their best in their tie against Au and Koh, whom they beat by 21-10, though it was when they were up against Wong and Ching in the first game of the evening that exchanges were the most even.

The undergraduates led 2-1 at the end of the first round, but the scores were levelled at 3-3 at the end of the second. Then Yong and Hui gave the University the lead again by beating Koh and Hon. Wong and Ching, as expected, defeated the two Lees for the equaliser, and everything depended on the final game between Au and Koh of the Y.M.C.A. and Yong and Chen of the University. A close tussle seemed imminent, but the undergraduates were disappointing and were badly beaten, succeeding in collecting only four aces. They apparently had not been able to get over the shock which Wong and Ching gave them in the previous round when the "Y" pair won 13 aces in a row on Ching's first service!

Scores: P. H. Wong and C. E. Ching (Y.M.C.A.), lost to K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui 15-21; C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee 21-17; Y. C. Au and F. Koh lost to Yong and Hui 10-21; beat Lee and Lee 21-14; beat Yong and Chen 21-4; H. Koh and S. H. Hon lost to Yong and Hui 12-21; beat Lee and Lee 21-17; lost to Yong and Chen 14-21.

The Club de Recreio "A" were given a walk-over by the University "B", and King's College defeated the

Club de Recreio "B" at King's Park by five games to four.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	0	32	4	8
Chinese "Y"	5	4	1	0	31	14	8
University "A"	4	3	1	0	29	7	6
King's College	4	2	2	0	16	21	4
Recreio "B"	5	1	4	0	14	31	2
University "B"	5	1	4	0	13	32	2
St. Andrew's	5	1	4	0	10	35	2

SCOTTISH SOCCER DRAW

First Round Of Cup

London, Dec. 20.

The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, which will be played on January 22:

Glyde	v.	Motherswell
Keith R.	v.	Montrose
Queen's Park	v.	Galston
Falkirk	v.	Dalbeattie Star
Cowdenbeath	v.	Brechin City
Churnside	v.	Rose County
Penicuik Ath.	v.	King's Park
Bo'ness	v.	Hamilton
Kilmarnock	v.	Dumbarton
Third Lanark	v.	Celtic
Stranraer	v.	Partick
Dunfermline	v.	St. Mirren
Morton	v.	Peterhead
St. Johnstone	v.	Arbroath
Albion R.	v.	Dundee
Ayr U.	v.	East Stirling
Dundee U.	v.	Hearls
Stenmuir	v.	Balbrack and Wilcox
Queen O'Sth.	v.	Leith
Moortown	v.	Leith

F.A. REPLAY

London, Dec. 20.

The following was the result of an F.A. Cup second round replay: New Brighton 4 Crewe 1.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

New Organisation To Aid Relief Association

A softball meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday to discuss the formation of an International Softball League, to start in January. Mr. George Chow presided. Mr. H. Lau proposed the League be sponsored and organised by the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, and the gate proceeds to be donated to this Association. The following countries have promised to join the League: India, America, England, Portugal, Philippine Islands, and two teams from China.



Above are the players who took part in the "A" Division badminton match between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the University "A" on the former's court. Front Row (left to right)—K. L. Yong, P. K. Hui, C. O. Lee, S. Y. Hon, H. Koh and F. Koh. Back Row (left to right)—C. K. Lee, P. K. Chen, C. E. Ching, P. H. Wong, Y. C. Au and T. F. Yong. The "Y" won by five games to four.

CRICKET NOTES

BY "R. ABBIT"

Pearce's Dazzling 151 Against The Navy

Glut Of Runs Made Last Week-End

There was a lot of cricket over the week-end and a great many runs were made. Alec Pearce, after his long golfing holiday, returned to the Club side in amazing form, and Owen Hughes also seemed to have benefited by the change! The result was that the Club, after winning the toss, hit up a very large score against the Navy in a very short time.

Hayward and Kilbee opened the innings on a very dead wicket. The rain which had fallen some days before had left the ground a bit slippery—I fancy there had been a certain amount of watering as well—and the Navy who have got into the habit on their matting wickets of playing in rubber soles rather slid about a bit. Sawdust was called for after (as I heard) Kyrke had slipped in putting down the first ball and had pulled a muscle slightly. The score had reached 25 when Hayward who had hooked Kyrke nicely to the leg boundary on two occasions was bowled by a good 'un that kept low. Kyrke only sent down five overs and the wicket did not suit him. With T. A. Pearce in the Club began to score at a tremendous pace. Bowling changes had no effect and Kilbee hit a glorious six to square leg off Byng's first over which brought 10 runs in all. Pearce completed his fifty in 27 minutes and just after Whitmarsh and Kilbee caught—at the second attempt—by Carless near the screen, 108-2-37. Kilbee had hit five fours beside his six.

A BIG STAND

With Owen Hughes in, Pearce continued to score very fast indeed. Actually the Club's first fifty runs took twenty-eight minutes, the second fifteen minutes, the third twenty-four minutes and the fourth sixteen minutes. In all they batted ninety-six minutes for 237 runs—one of the fastest bits of scoring over a longish period that there has been on the Club Ground for many a long day.

Pearce gave no chance until he had scored his century when he was dropped off a hard chance to mid-on. In the last over he also gave a very hard chance to the bowler. He hit twenty-five fours and two sixes; each of them a big on-drive, one off Cotman and the other off Pugh. He also ran some very quick ones with Owen Hughes who did not get anything like a fair share of the bowling when he was at the wickets and only had two fours in his 31 not out.

The Navy went in to bat at 4 p.m. and A. B. Smith and Skelton opened to Swain (at the Yard end) and Owen Hughes. At 5 Smith went and four runs later Hayward took a one-

handed catch in the slips to send back Walters who had been dropped in the gully the ball before. The Navy seemed a bit overcome by the big score against them and things did not go well. Cotman was easily caught in the slips at 21 and Skelton soon went. Pugh and Ogle then made a bit of a stand and the latter played one lovely shot through the covers off his back foot—a pet shot of Hammond's by the way. Fifty runs came in 48 minutes and then more disaster came. Ogle was most unluckily stumped when the ball rebounded from Fox's pads (72-5-32), while at the same time Pugh was both caught at the wicket and stumped—a conclusive dismissal!

A CLOSE THING

For some reason or other Whitmarsh kept himself back until number ten—and I rather think the game could have been saved had he gone in earlier. Carless and Kyrke did not stay very long, but Byng and Whitmarsh held on for a good time for the ninth wicket. After Byng was l.b.w. to Pearce (127-8-7) Whitmarsh tried to keep the bowling but failed a couple of runs later and Pearce bowled Wood with the first ball of the last over—with only a minute more to go. Whitmarsh played an excellent knock for 36 not out. Owen Hughes bowled well to take 5 wickets for 34 runs.

A NEW YEAR GAME

I don't think the Club will have it quite so much their own way at the New Year Triangular Tournament game. Commander Boucher will in all probability be back to look after the side and I imagine there will be one or two people up from the second eleven which on that day has only a friendly with the I.R.C. I am told that Fynn does not come off against (Continued on Page 5.)

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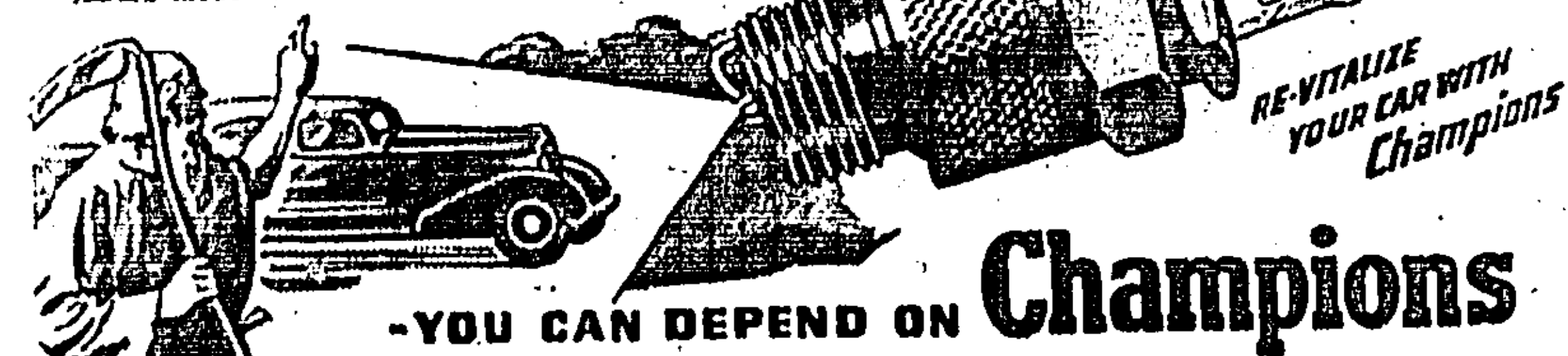
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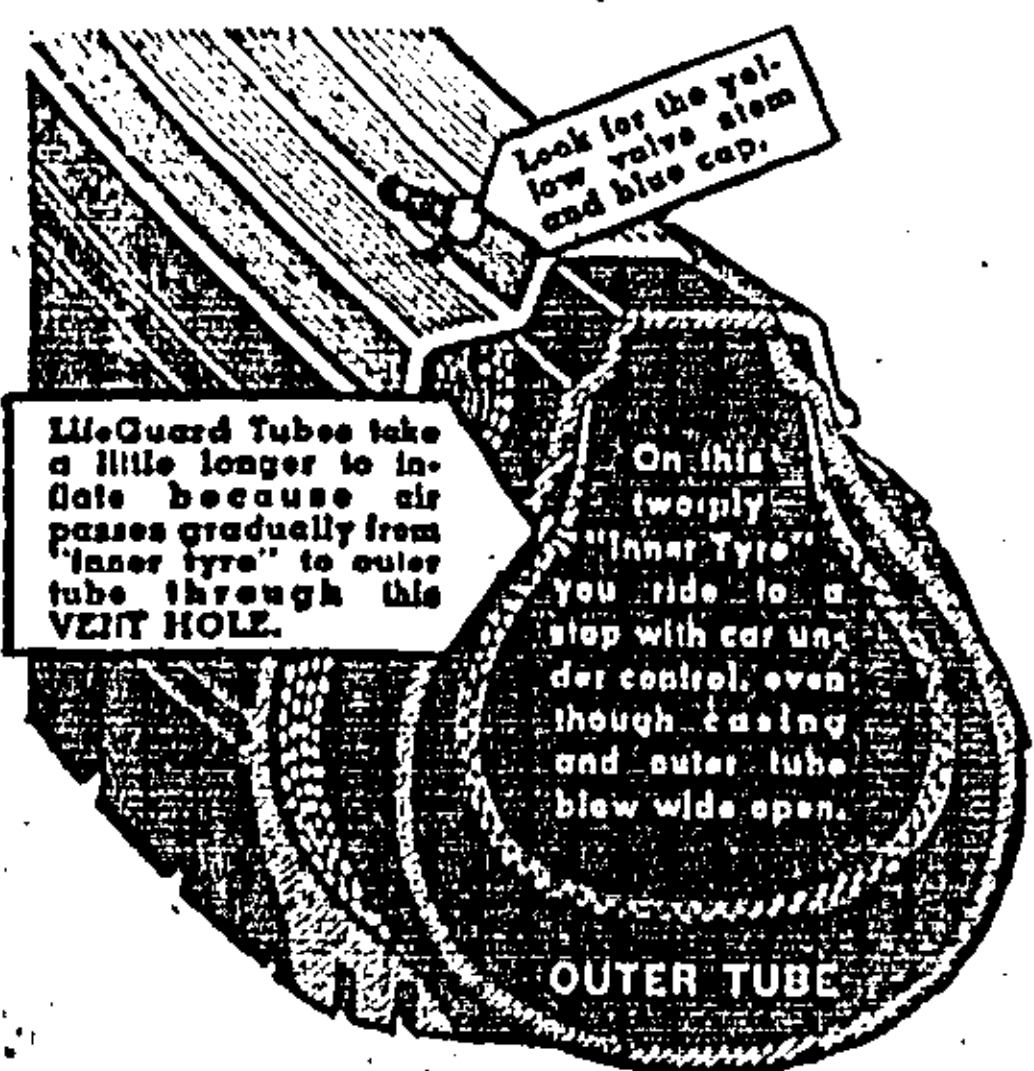
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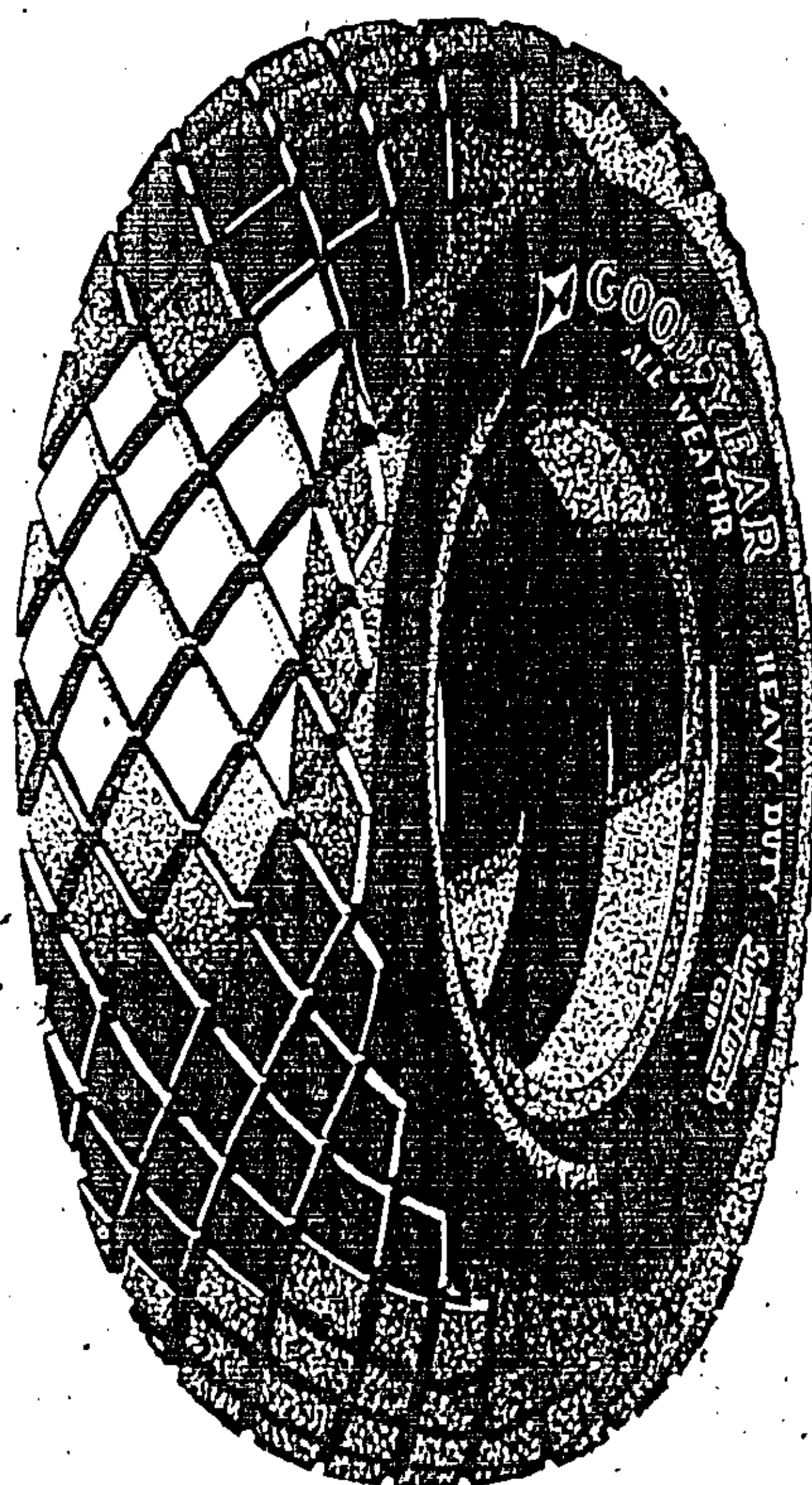
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DAZZLING CENTURY BY T. A. PEARCE

(By "R. Abbit")

good bowling but I confess I should like to see him tried.

AN EXCITING FINISH

I cannot hold over a note on the match between the C.S.C.C. and Army "B." I said last week that if they only had some batting I'd back the C.S. on the strength of their bowlers who are not doing too badly this year. It seems that H. F. Westlake has returned to the fold and a thirty by him raised the score to but one short of the century. It was touch and go but Robertson, MacGowan and Westlake did all their stuff and thanks to the stumper only allowing one extra—a leg bye I believe—they got home by two runs. Having battled so gallantly in the face of innumerable defeats it is pleasant to see things come their way at last.

On Sunday there was a most pleasant and amusing game on the R.N.O.S.C. ground between a team captained by Paymaster Lieut. Commander Nicholson and A. W. Hayward's eleven. Actually the visiting team was two short, but that did not seem to interfere with the enjoyment of the game. Nicholson's team batted first and reached a total of 156 runs. Whitmarsh scored freely as usual. Hayward apparently makes a point of bowling on Sundays and took two for 27.

DISASTROUS START

When the visitors went in they had a disastrous start as Wooding went to glance Allen to leg but was so early that when the ball arrived it hit the back of his bat and popped up for an easy chance to the wicket-keeper. Lt. Walters joined Nelson and for a time it looked as if there was going to be a stand. The new comer cracked Allen to square leg for four, all run, and Nelson looked as if he might settle down as he was playing some quite nice shots. He made a beautiful cut behind point which went very fast to the boundary, but next over he was pulled caught at the wicket off Rankin 12-2-7. Colville (of H.M.S. Adventure) then came in. I think I have seen him batting last season though I may be wrong. He started excellently but after he brought off a beautiful square cut for four off Allen, he was clean bowled by the next ball—17-3-1. Hayward then went in amidst general applause from the distinguished gathering that was watching the game and he glanced his first ball to fine leg for a couple. On his arrival Nicholson promptly went to bowl with his right-toned donkeydrops, which Hayward treated with the most distinguished consideration, scoring a couple of singles in the over. Studholme bowled at the other end and Hayward played six balls, but the last one of them drew an appeal which was answered against the batsman. Actually in the Pavilion I heard the click of the bat touching the ball before there was the duller noise of the impact of the ball on his pads. However, both the bowler and umpire were generally of opinion that he missed it completely. Tea was then taken with the score at 23-4-4.

After tea Cotman and Allen bowled to Walters and Baker. Both players settled down and Walters especially was playing some very pretty shots on the off all along the

carpet. The score rolled until the fifty was past when Walters tried to pull a full toss from Whitmarsh and was clean bowled—57-5-31, a very nice innings. Wallington then came in and really played remarkably good cricket considering the fact that he has not played anything but an occasional Varsity match for some years. He was particularly good in his drive past extra cover and was very severe on some of Nicholson's full tosses. Baker curiously enough completely failed to deal with them though otherwise he was batting nicely. The stand was invaluable and it was not until the score had reached 100 that Wallington was bowled by Allen—100-0-29. The shades of night were falling fast when Swayne was bowled, but Baskett, who had neglected his white flannel coat for the disguise of an operative cricketer, put up a gallant rear-guard action and stayed long enough to save Mr. R. Abbit, in no disguise whatever except a pair of batting gloves, from having to endeavour to play an innings in a game in which he had not fielded!

TREAT FOR GALLERY

The match appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by the players. The gallery certainly had a great treat. After some experience with Clive Garthwaite's Sheila, I have definitely come to the conclusion that the so-called spaniels are far the best dogs to watch cricket. An Alsatian, however friendly she may be, is comparatively useless either as a rug or a foot-warmer and it was very cold I have almost forgotten to mention the excellent first ball sent down by Cotman after tea which clean bowled Walters. As someone rudely put it, if Shorty could bowl as well with a cricket ball as he can with a potato, there would be no holding him. We understand Walters is gradually recovering from the shock.

RUGGERITES AS AN ARMY UNIT

London, Nov. 21. The Rugby Football Union are giving their unanimous support to the scheme put forward at a meeting of London club representatives at the War Office last week for the formation of a Rugby footballers' unit of the Territorial Army—a complete, self-contained company recruited from the Rugby clubs in the London area.

The company will form part of the 33rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, with headquarters at Regent's Park, where there will be full facilities for social and training activities.

Major-General B. A. Hill, president of the Rugby Union, who attended the meeting with Engineer-Commander S. F. Cooper, the secretary, said he had brought the matter before his committee, who had decided to pledge their assistance, in every way possible.

The scheme is to be explained to individual clubs by War Office officials. All the London clubs—not only those represented at the meeting—are invited to co-operate.

LOCAL HOCKEY

Army Team For Tournament

The following players have been selected to represent the Army in the Triangular Tournament match against the Hongkong Hockey Club tomorrow:

Wilson; Stuckley and Kishan Singh; L/Cpl. Ray, Capt. Stapleton and Tara Singh; Khuda Bux, Lt. Sawal Khan, Lt. Pritam Nath, Narain and Patnab.

The players, who will appear in colours, are requested to be at the ground by 4.15 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES

The following will represent St. Andrew's Ladies against the Naval Dockyard Police on Wednesday at King's Park, bully off at 4.30 p.m.—Miss Hall; Miss Chang, Mrs. Cross; Miss Reid, Miss Lawson, Miss Humphrey; Miss Y. Ho, Miss E. Churn, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts, Miss G. Drew.

FANLING BOGEY POOL

H. J. Armstrong (10), all square, won the Fanling Bogey (Par) Pool, on the New Course for December 18 and 19. There were eleven entries.

BOXING RANKINGS

Washington, Dec. 19. The National Boxing Association rankings which have recently been issued include the following: Welterweight—Barney Ross, champion; Celerino Garcia, first challenger.

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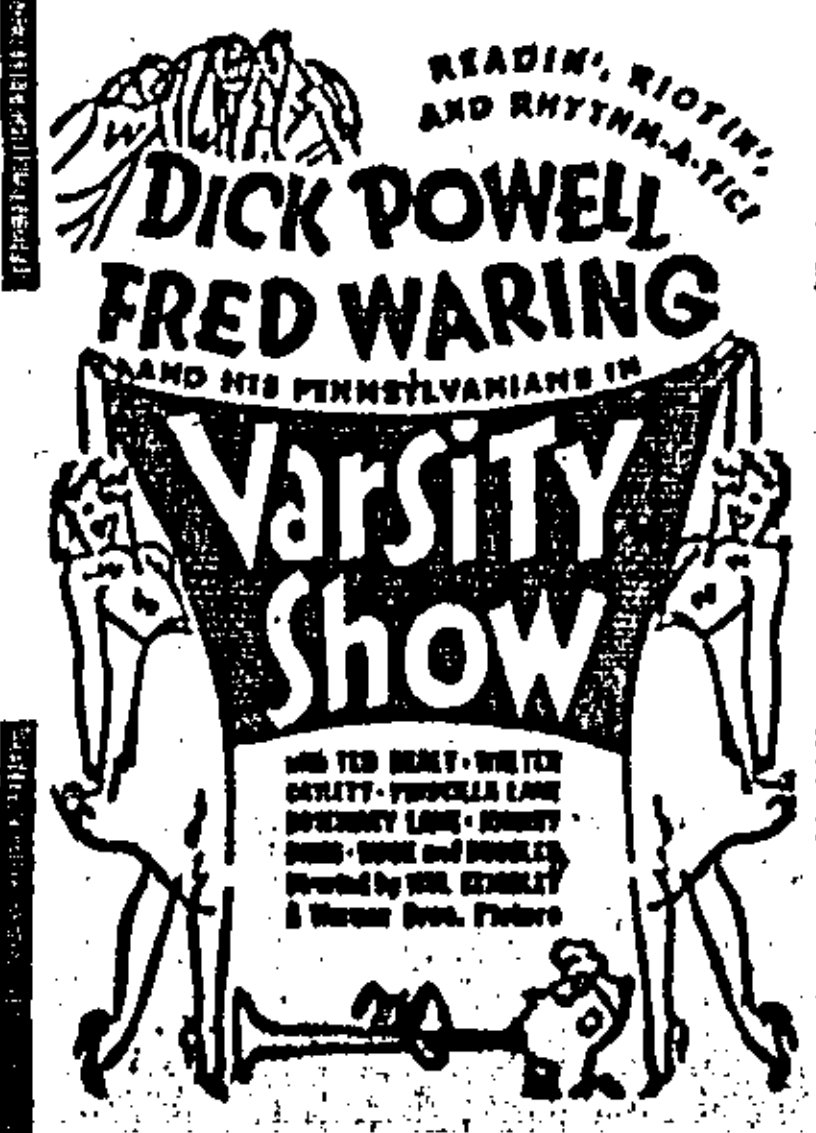
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amount originally put in, to make up losses.

Sandbagging
You can use single and broken stone in the same way and cut your minimum thickness to 24 inches.

In the unlikely event of mild steel plate being available in quantities, 1½" M.S. plate will also serve.

You can also use any form of backing or casing that will give you the same thickness of earth or shingle.

Boxes filled with this material and built up would do and I have even seen a traverse made of 4 gallon kerosene tins filled with earth. Points to be watched are to build up your walls so there are no cracks. It would probably be better to increase your thickness somewhat, say by 20 per cent, to 25 per cent.

Should sand bags be available, the same thickness laid in sandbags would do. Sandbags are normally only filled three quarter full of earth and are then beaten out until they measure about 20 inches long 10 inches wide and five inches thick. They are laid like bricks (always joint) in alternate layers of sandbags and stretchers as in "English" bond. Lay with mouths and seams on the inside as these are the first points to burst or rot.

The advantages of sandbags are that they are laid quickly and you can make difficult "plans" more easily. Drawbacks: they are apt to rot and allow the contents to escape.

Strengthening Walls
It is not easy to use with hard materials as you cannot hammer them flat or they get cut on the stones inside. If you have to use them with hard materials such as shingle or ballast, try and use smaller sizes than you would use between chattering.

Strengthening walls such as we have been describing the bags can be used to put around existing walls of whose strength you are not sure, or to close openings in walls which are of themselves good enough. If for the former purpose keep them away from the wall to be protected (say nine inches or a foot) as, if you are doubtful of your wall it is probable that it is not strong enough to carry the thrust of the mass of earth bearing up against it and may bulge inwards and collapse.

Upper Storeys
This protection must be carried up to at least five feet above the floor level of the room inside, eight feet is better and to at least the height of any door or window openings or better, to above this level.

If put in front of doorways it should be carried at least as far beyond the door on each side as the traverse is itself away from the building. These walls or traverses should be carried far enough to each side of the opening so that splinter cannot enter.

All that we have been saying shows that shelters in buildings cannot be built on upper storeys except in altogether exceptional buildings of very strong construction. The weight of all the extra protection would be too much for any ordinary floor. Thus we are almost certainly limited in our choice to ground floors basements or cellars.

Cellars Good Shelters
Cellars make good shelters as they have the earth all around them and often have concrete roofs. The drawbacks are that cellars are harder to clear of gas should gas once enter and they may be flooded should a bomb nearby break a water main. If a local cellar remains dry during typhoon rains it is probably good enough.

A basement would make a good shelter but would have to have its half windows protected as we have described. Also remember what has been said earlier about blast effects. Do not choose a room that gives onto a small courtyard, narrow alley between high buildings or into an airwell. A bomb falling in a confined space like this may have its blasting effect concentrated there and do more damage than if otherwise would.

If possible, the ground outside should be soft rather than hard, e.g. grass rather than roadways, but this will probably not be possible to obtain outside the residential areas.

Hints for Safety
Other hints for selecting the room to be converted to a shelter are: It must not be near stocks of inflammable material that might start a fire; If in a cellar it should not be under machinery or heavy stores that might come in on you.

An inside passage way will make a good shelter if you can close off the ends. The outer walls of the building will act as protection to the walls of your shelter and the number of traverses and protecting walls can probably be reduced, provided of course that openings in the inner and outer walls do not come opposite one another and allow a clear path for blast and splinters.

So far we have hardly mentioned the floor above. It is not so important as the chance of a direct hit is so small. It must, however, be strong enough to hold up should the storeys above collapse and part of them fall on the roof of the shelter below.

Sandbags or earth spread on the floor above are likely to reduce the strength of this floor by overloading it and this should not be done unless the floor above is also the top floor and you are afraid of incendiary bombs. It may be well to lay an extra thickness of floor boarding and to strut the beams or joists but such work is better not undertaken except on expert advice.

Shelter Trenches
When suitable buildings are not available, cover can be got by trenches. In fact the cover so obtained is perhaps safer than that in buildings. The difficulty is that there is rarely room in a crowded town. Trenches are also much more difficult to make comfortable and habitable. You may have to stay some time under cover.

To shelter any number of persons e.g. workmen from a factory, a regular trench system will be needed. This is best laid out in a series of trenches parallel to each other but in a zigzag formation. If trenches are straight, an unlucky hit may cause damage all up and down its length. Trenches are themselves made as narrow as possible, two feet at the bottom and seven feet deep; and to house the occupants the trench is widened to three and a half feet or four in lengths of 15 feet and fitted with a seat in the recess thus formed. Such a recess will hold 12 to 15 persons. The recesses should be on alternate sides of the trench and each recess should be at least ten feet from the ones on either side.

Zigzag Trench
Thus one arm of your zigzag trench can be 50 feet long, viz. five passages; 15 recess; ten passages; 15 recess; five passages—50 feet in all.

If possible an entrance should be provided at the end of each trench. At the most three such trenches should share a common entrance. No part of one trench must come within 20 feet of its neighbors right and left and it is better to have 30 feet or more.

There must be a travel trench or communication trench connecting the ends of the trenches so that people finding one trench full may move on to the next. People once underground, show considerable reluctance to come out again and so may stay in and overwork one such shelter when the next one has plenty of room. If the trenches are more than 50 feet long there should be another travel trench across the far ends of the shelter trenches and really big systems when the trenches might be many "arms" long, would have connecting trenches at intervals up and down their lengths. Such

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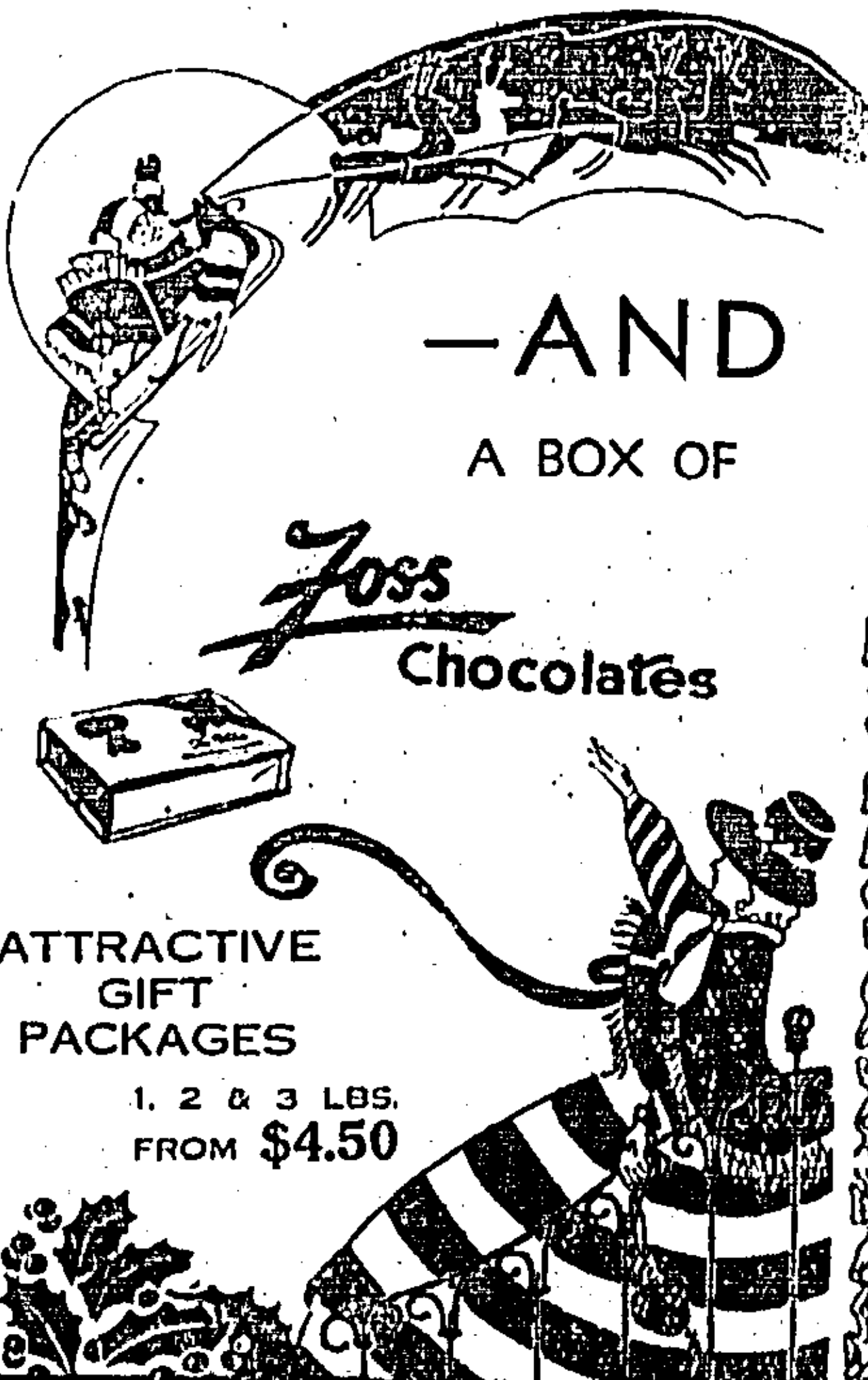
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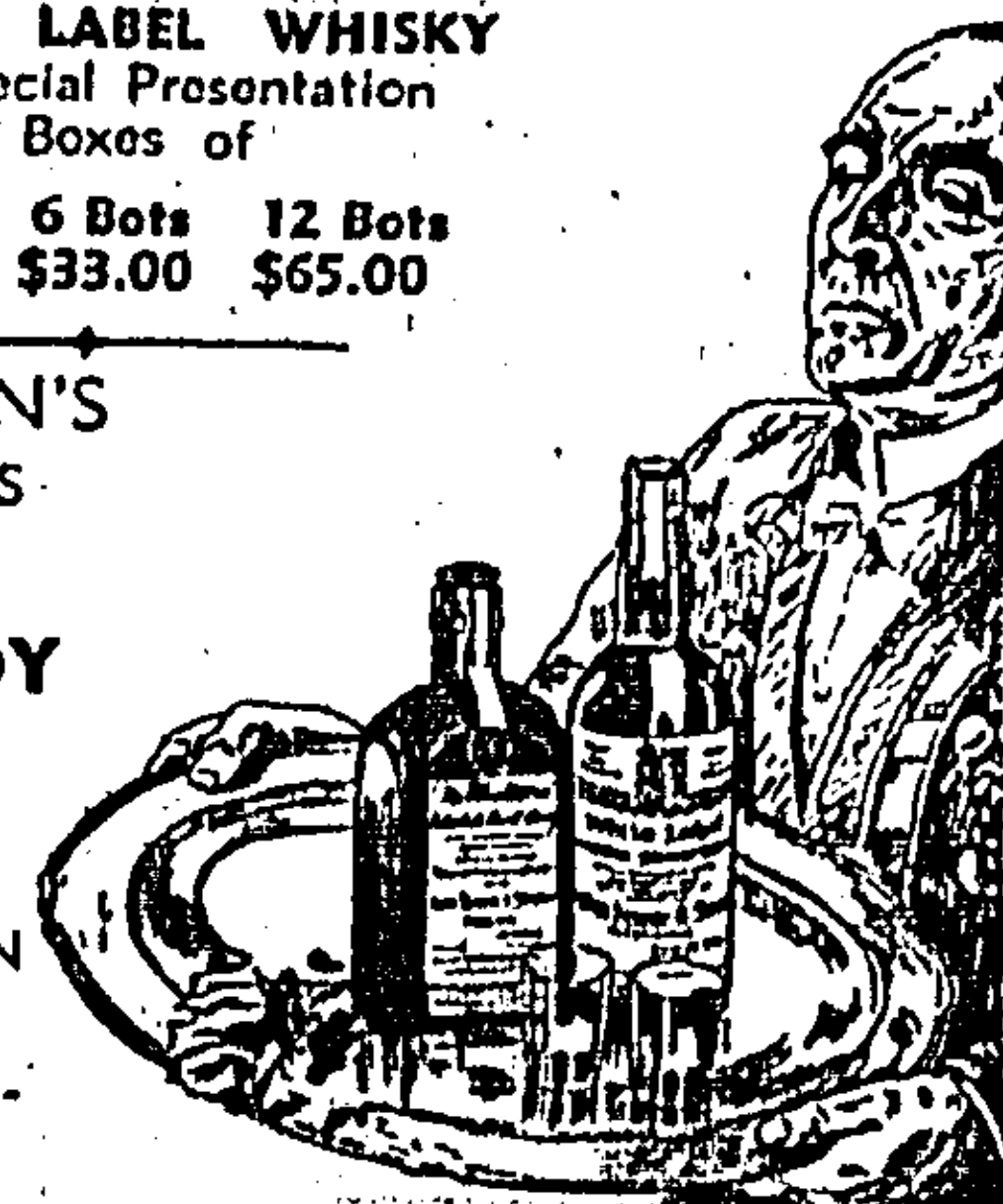
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are not likely to be made in Hong-kong for lack of room.

Rain and Gas
To keep out rain and to render these trench shelters gas proof, the part that is occupied is roofed in. The roof also acts as protection against splinters of bombs and falling bricks etc. from buildings nearby. The roof is simply made of timber or timber and corrugated iron covered with earth to a thickness of about two feet six inches. If the top six inches to nine, can be made of brick rubble, broken stone or other hard material, so much the better. This roofing should be carried out on each side of the trench for at least two and a half feet and a small drain should be dug along the edge of each roof to catch water from the surrounding land that might run in under the roof and thus into the trench. Roofs would only be put over the parts of the trench occupied and their connecting passages, leaving the travel trenches at the end open. Thus where each of the shelter trenches comes into a travel trench there would be a length of passage trench longer than the usual length between recesses, say up to 15 feet long, to fit gas curtains in and make a gas lock.

Drainage Essential

The drainage of rainwater that might find its way in through the roof and the drainage from the small channels at ground level has to be carried away. This is probably best done by one of the cross travel trenches, preferably the one farthest from the buildings from which the occupants come and so less likely to be used. It will have to be dug deeper than the other trenches graded to a fall and fitted with "duckboards" so that the water may run away beneath the boards to some outfall downhill or into a storm water drain.

This water must run away somewhere and if you cannot arrange this the site is not suitable for a trench system. It will be full of water in the summer and unfit for use.

Such a trench system should have electric lighting if at all possible as (Continued on Page 12.)



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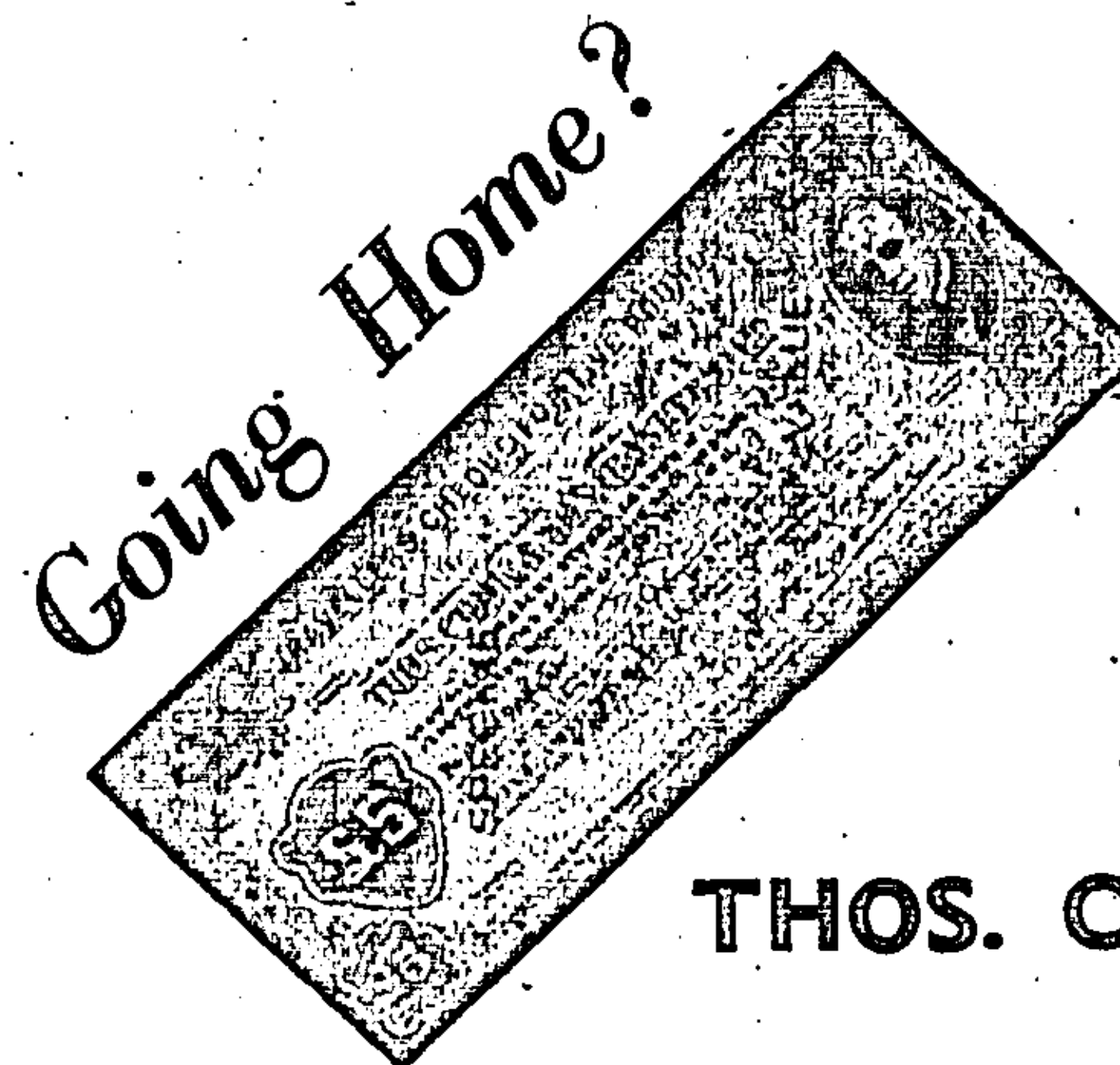
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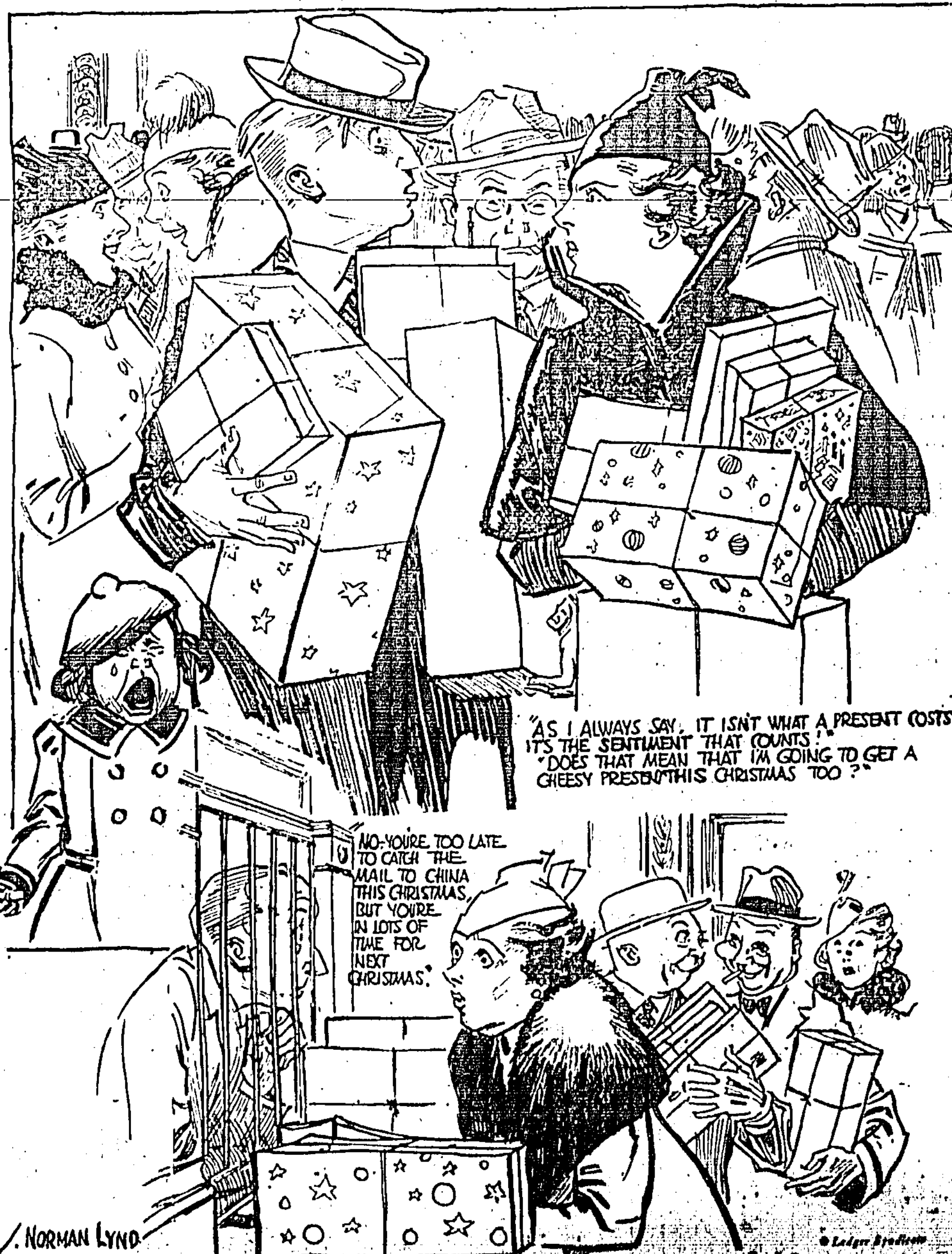
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waiting in the dark is bad for the nerves. Other forms of lighting are not so suitable as they tend to consume the air and to heat up the shelter. Nevertheless some form of emergency lighting should be prepared and kept handy even if not allowed to be used all the time.

In the above description I have not said anything about revetting the sides of the trenches. If the trenches are cut in good sound earth such as the local disintegrated granite soil they would probably stand for long periods. If cut in "made" soil as in a reclamation they might not stand for long and the sides might cave in and allow the roof to collapse on the occupants.

Strengthening.
 In every case revetting strengthens the trench and should be done if at all possible. One way to revet a trench is as follows. Make frames of four by two inches timber consisting of two uprights with a top spreader to hold the heads of the uprights apart and a bottom spreader to hold the feet apart. The wide way of the timber should be across the line of the trench. The frame can be secured with nails at the corners. The height in the trench on the finished frame will be the height you want inside your finished trench (five or seven feet), the distance apart at the bottom inside the trench, say two feet in the passage ways and four feet in the recesses and the distance apart at the top inside the width of the top of the trench, say four feet in the passage ways and six feet in the recesses. In fact the frame is a sort of template of the finished trench inside dimensions of the frame.

Dig out the trench until the frames will go in with about one inch clearance at the sides. Then fit frames at from two feet to two and a half feet centres with rough one inch boarding running along the length of the trench between the frames and the earth and holding the earth in place.

Boards can also be nailed along the tops of the bottom spreaders to make walking easier in the dark.

Permanent Shelters

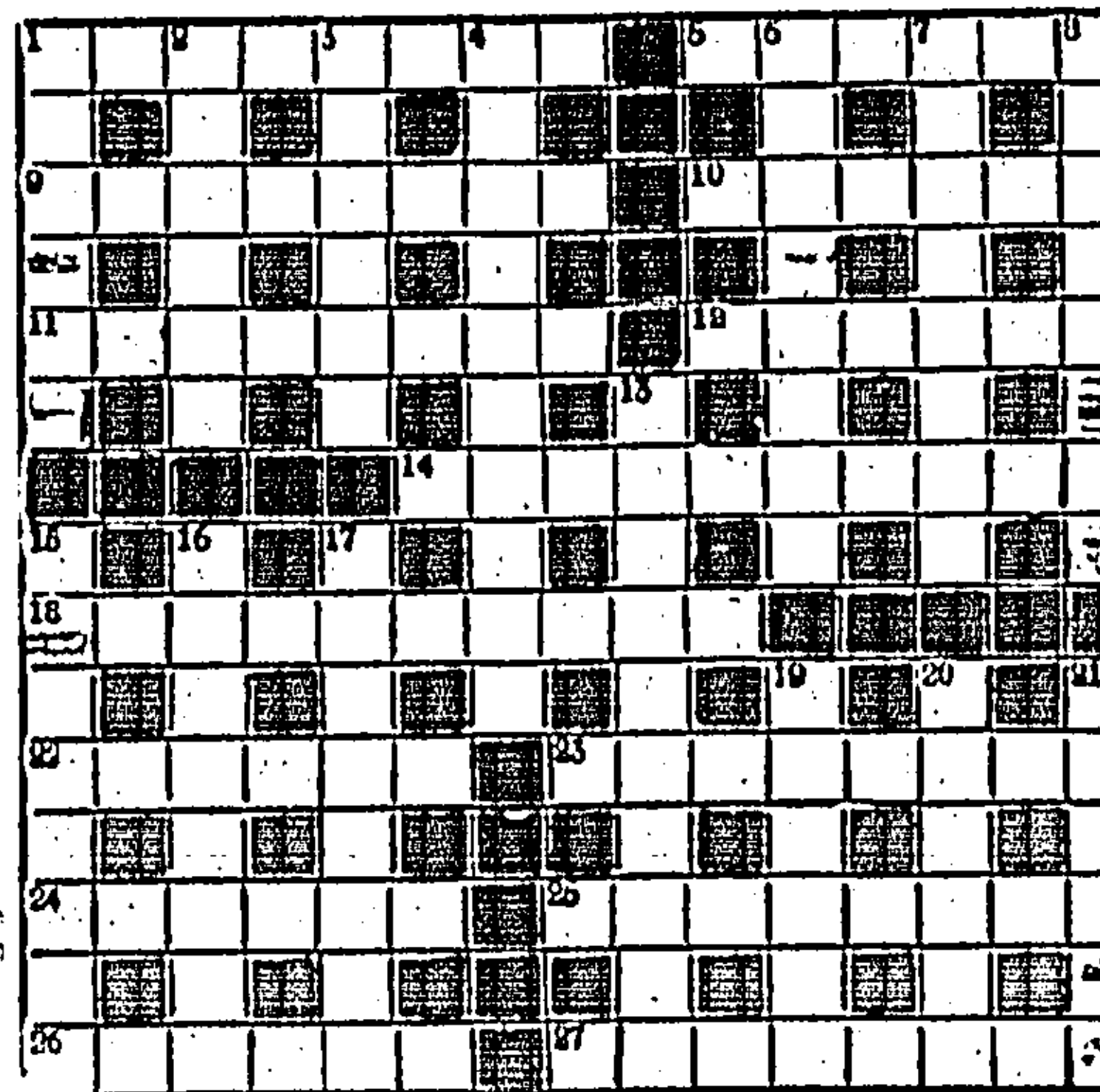
This kind of revetment can only be temporary in this Colony as the white ants will in time destroy any timber revetment. If therefore you wish to make a shelter for permanent use you would have to make your revetment in brick or concrete and your roof also. Steel reinforcement would be possible but expensive is likely to put it out of court.

For a permanent shelter the following suggestions are made:
 1. Brick arch shelters. If your shelter trenches are lined with brick instead of timber as above, it will be proof against rot and the white ant. The walls should be two bricks thick and the roof arched and one and a half or better two bricks. If using brickwork the walls should be vertical and the trench width should be a minimum of two and a half feet in the passages and four feet six inches in the recesses.
 2. Reinforced Concrete Tunnels: Six inches of concrete with No. 6 B.R.C. or equivalent about one inch from inner face; sections in wood revetted trenches.

If reinforced concrete is used, leave short lengths unreinforced every 50 feet and make them inside and outside. Alternatively these short lengths might be in brick and lime mortar. If you have reinforced concrete throughout and are unwilling to have a hit on one end of a shelter, you may have some persons trapped below.

Danger of Trapping.
 Cutting through the reinforcement is a tedious business and meanwhile there may be wounded inside. If you know exactly where the unreinforced lengths are they can quickly be broken into and the occupants released. Such lengths should, of course, not be over recesses where people are collected.

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- Pleasing to the eye, but the heart indicates a change of face (8).
- The insect that gave a blemish to a sailor (6).
- A time of equal sea-variation? (8).
- This part of the body would not seem to need building up (6).
- He might have fled from the Foreign Legion to take to his first part (8).
- It was used to support a dead weight (6).
- Opinion of so intimate an origin (10).
- Lends wiser change to Eden's opposite (10).
- Roving (6).
- In the early morning rush no man relishes a break in this (8).
- They show the way (6).
- Mother started this stuff (8).
- A summary (6).
- Vision is affirmative in number (8).

DOWN

- Excessive in desire (6).
- Being disinclined for literary (6).
- The whole ends in wrath (6).
- A prelude to retirement (10).
- This work is not necessarily a parson's (8).
- Wherein the ruling idea differs from that in Britain (8).

The life of a sheep is merely this twice beheaded and this (8).

- He seeks to do good, but his initial effort is off the mark (10).
- Keen on either side, but not without woe (8).
- A game of hearts, but not serious (8).
- Not a generous quality (8).
- This may lead to strain (6).
- Telephoned about six in a vile temper! (8).
- A missile (6).

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These shelters that I have described may seem very flimsy things against a modern air raid. But you must remember that the civil population is not primarily the target for such attacks and it only suffers because bombing is still a very inaccurate weapon and the "misses" are scattered very widely afield. Remember the pilot of the raiding aircraft is not sitting in Olympian detachment above the world deciding on whom to loose his bolts.

Shanghai Bombing
 He also is in considerable danger from the defenders' fire and has also to watch for the defending aircraft. So he may miss fairly widely. You see the odds that a bomb may land fairly on a shelter are very small indeed.

You will have read in the papers of the casualties caused by air raids in China and particularly in Shanghai. In most cases the details are not given but when they are it seems clear that these casualties were caused by bombs falling on large crowds in the open streets who had not attempted to take cover. I have only the Press photos of the Shanghai bombing to guide me but it seems from them that the main frontages of the buildings were not severely damaged and that had they been protected as I have described, there would have been very few casualties indeed. (Applause).

Ludendorff Dead

Famous German War General

Munich, Dec. 20.
 General Erich Ludendorff, the famous German military leader of the Great War, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, suffered a sudden relapse yesterday and passed away this morning at 8.20. He was conscious throughout, and died a painless death.
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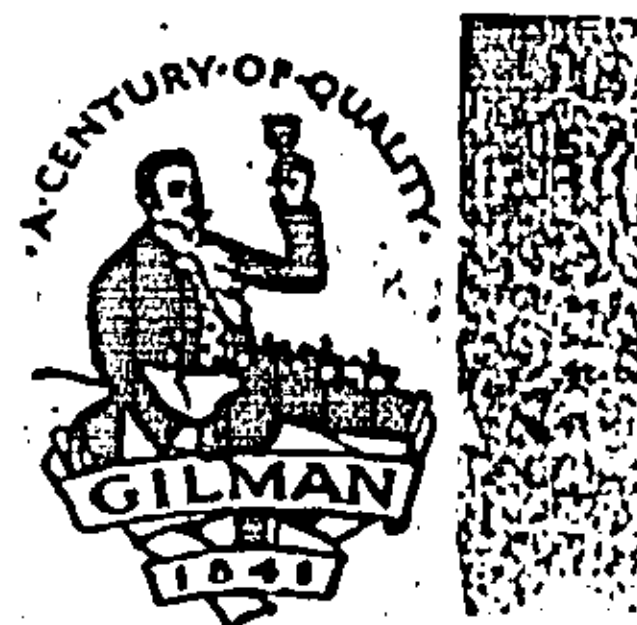
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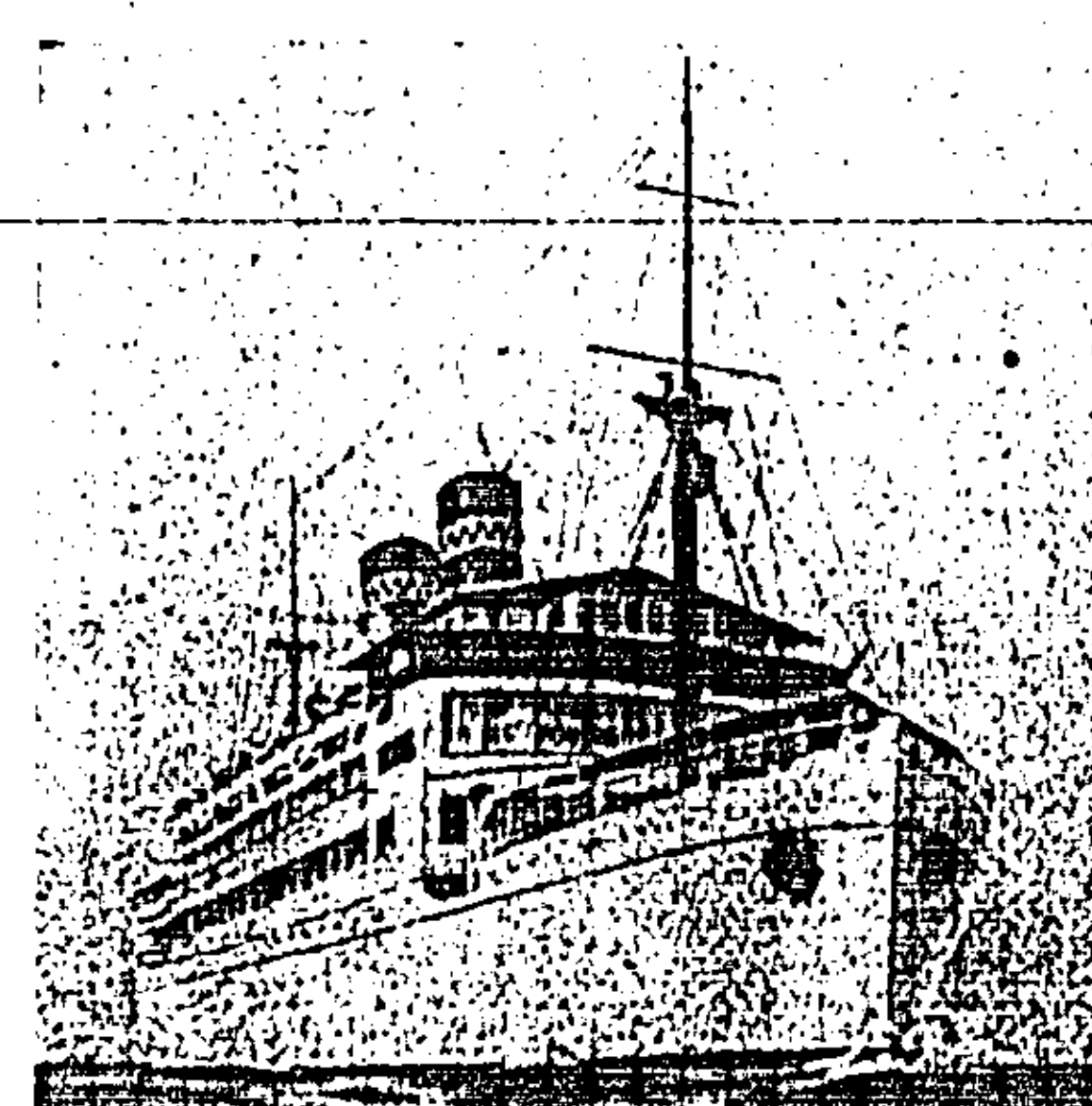
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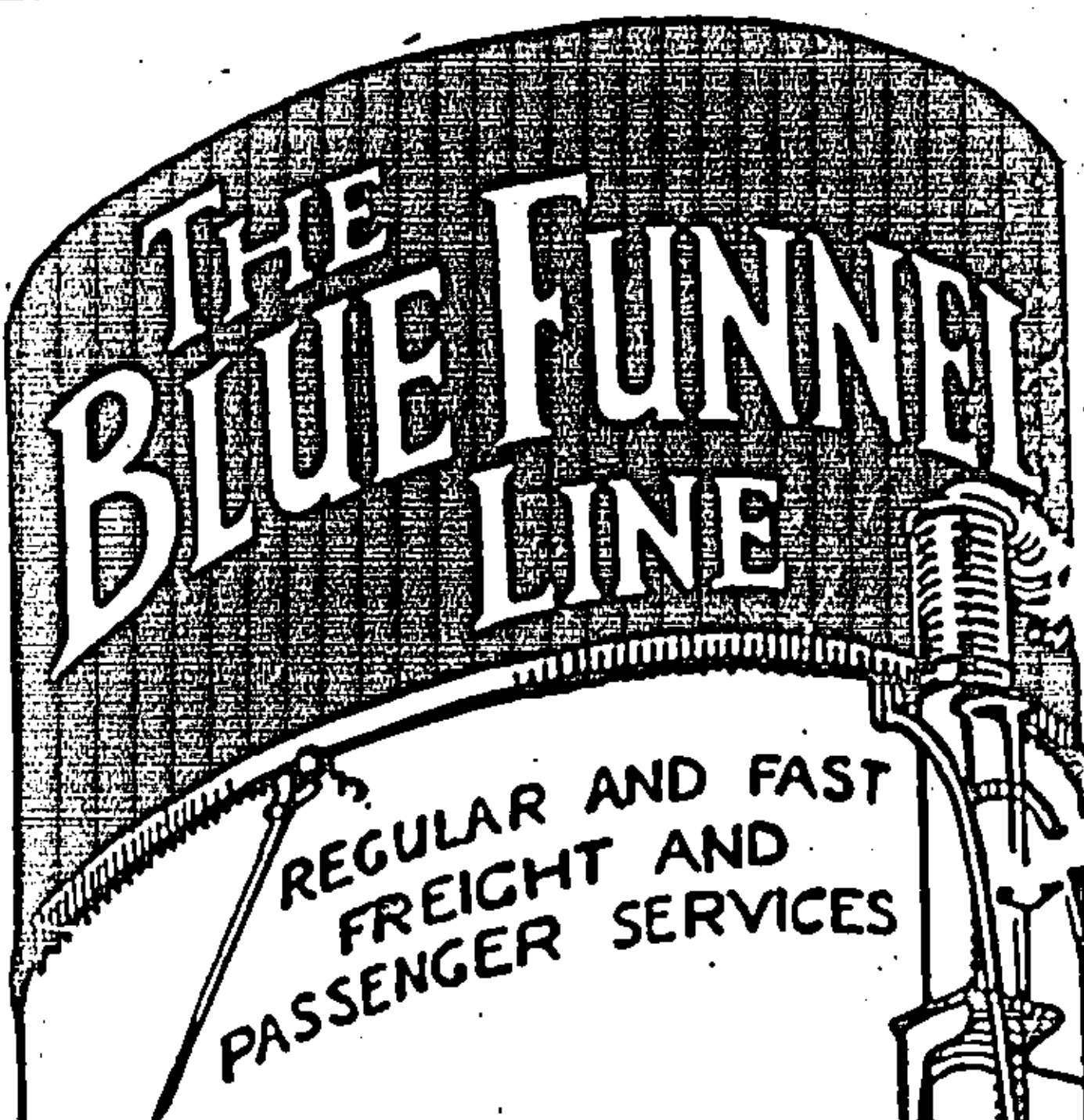
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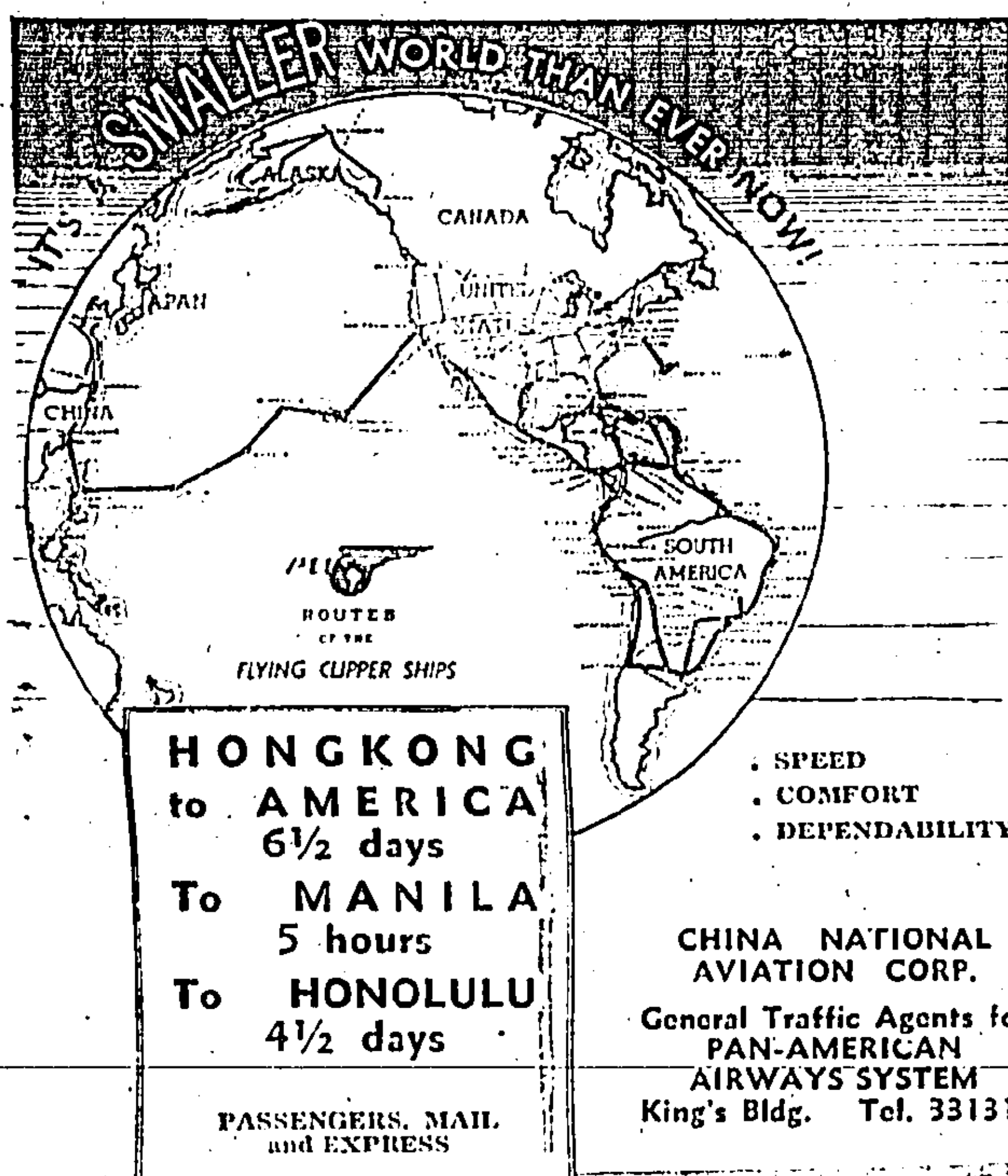
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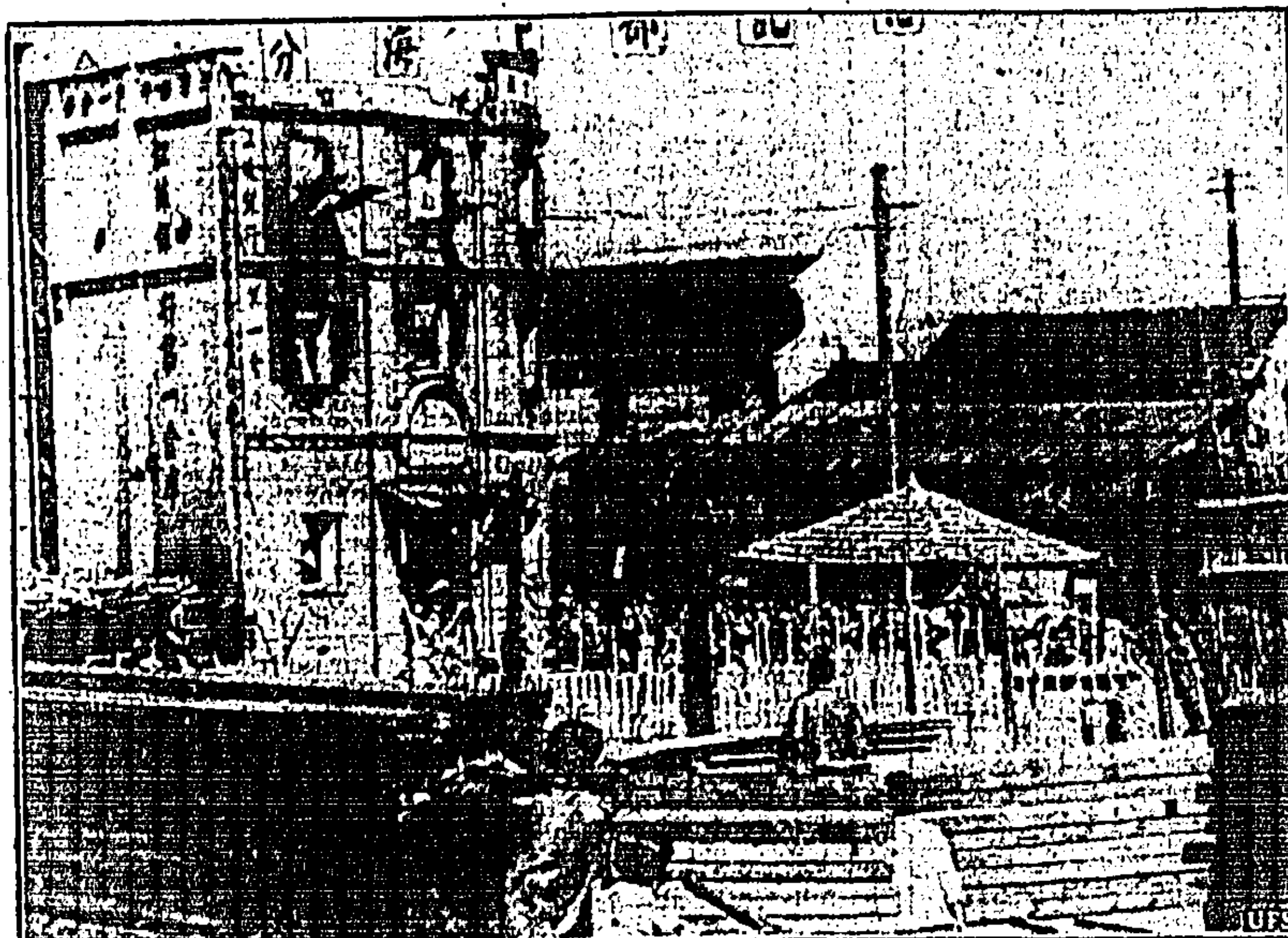
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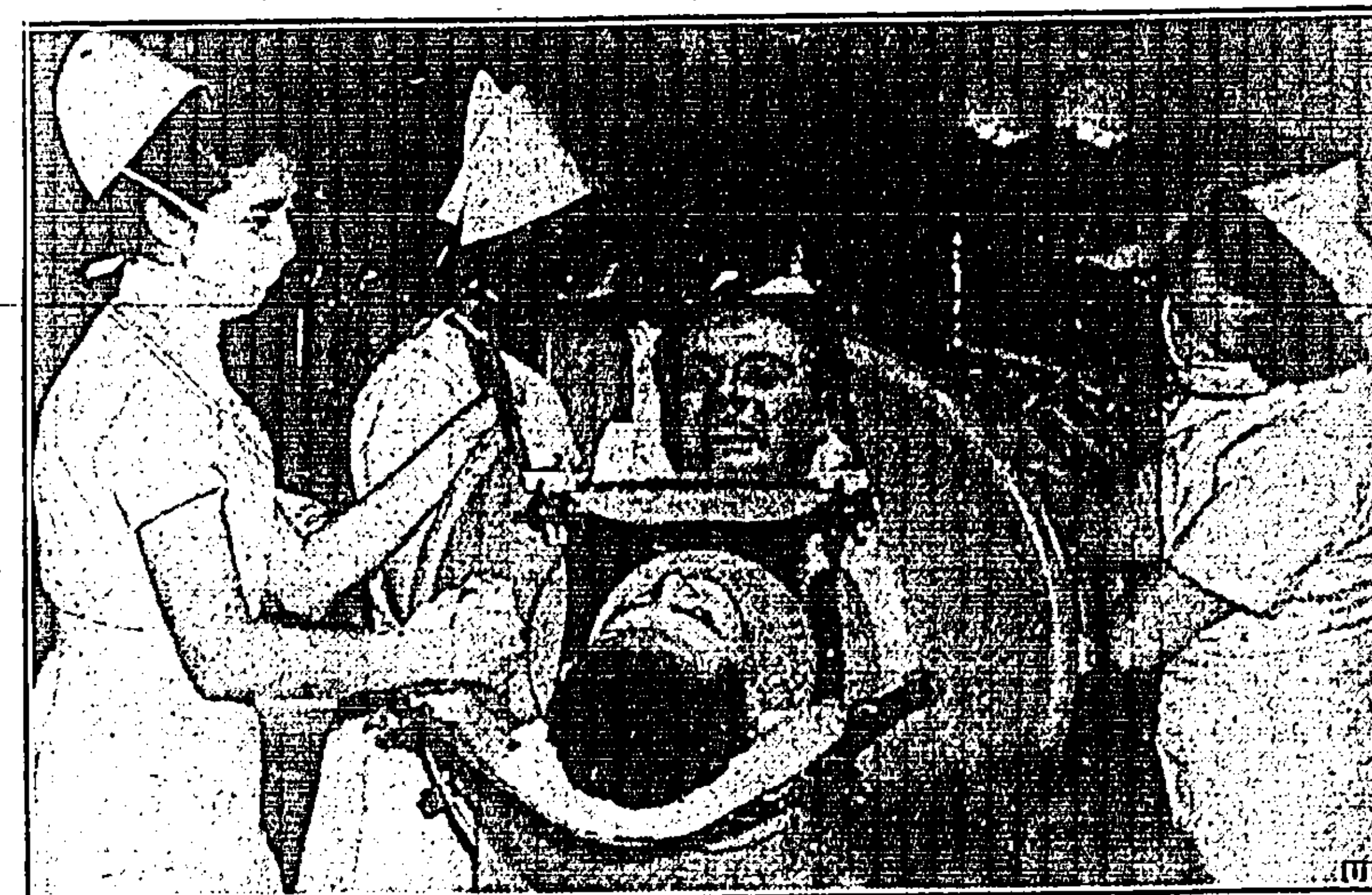
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INVADERS ENTER SHANGHAI—Hiding furtively behind piles of lumber on the south bank of Hoochow Creek, Chinese inhabitants watch the arrival of Japanese conquerors, seen through the fence in background. Meanwhile, Chinese troops were withdrawing towards Nanking.



DAINTY MAIDS CELEBRATE VICTORY—Tokyo, Japan's capital city, declared a holiday and patriotic societies formed jubilant parades, when the news arrived that Shanghai had been taken by Japanese forces. Above, girls, as members of the Women's Patriotic Defense Association, carry rising sun flags as they join in one of the huge processions.



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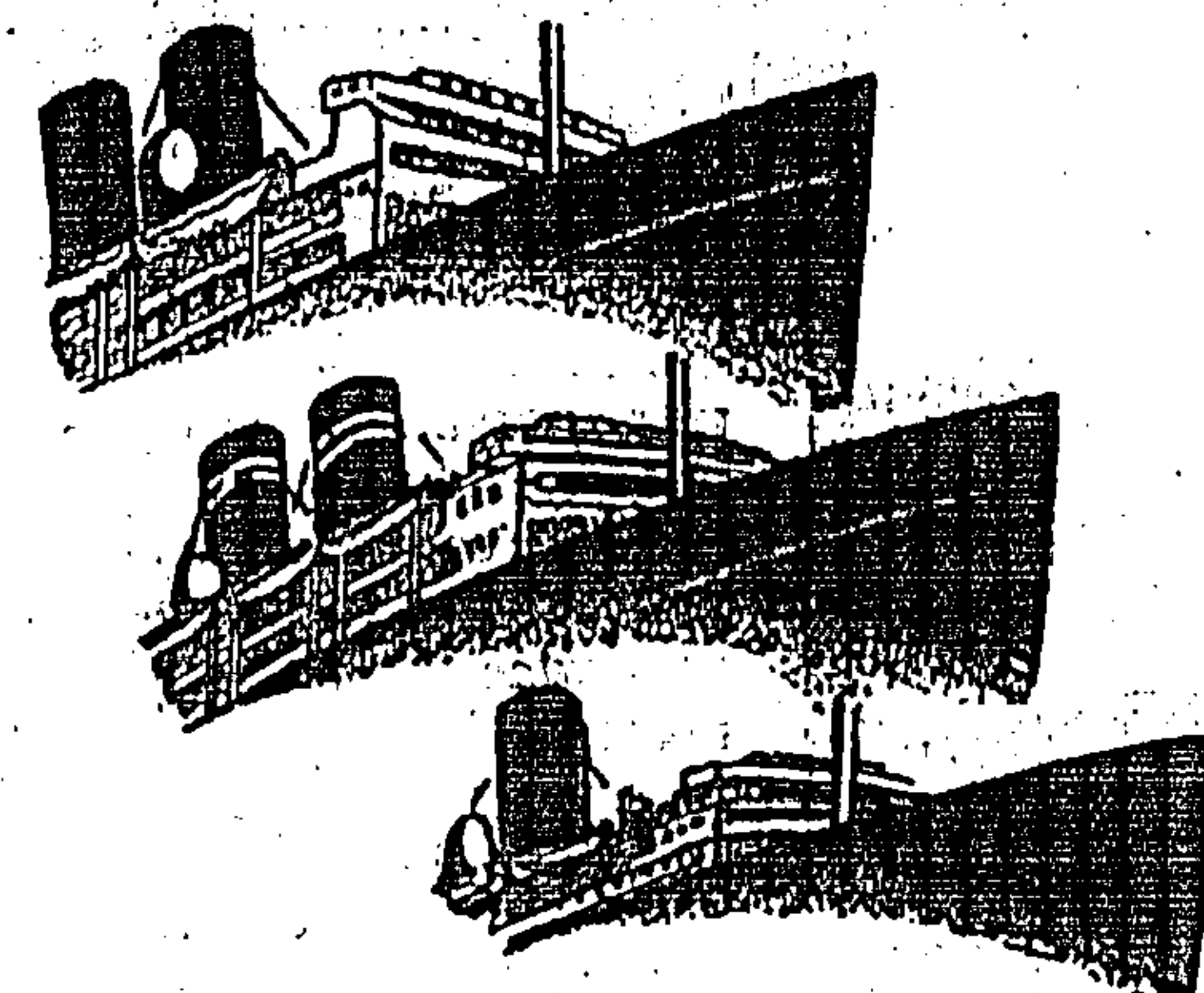
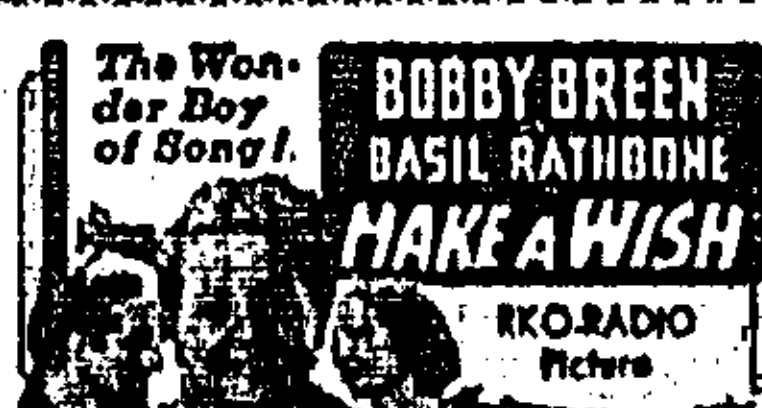
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SHIRALA	8,000	6th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
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Heian Maru Sat., 22nd Jan. (1938)

New York via Panama.

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South America (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

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Atsuta Maru Sat., 25th Dec.

Kitano Maru Wed., 22nd Jan. (1938)

Bombay via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

†Toyama Maru Mon., 27th Dec.

†Hakodate Maru Mon., 10th Jan. (1938)

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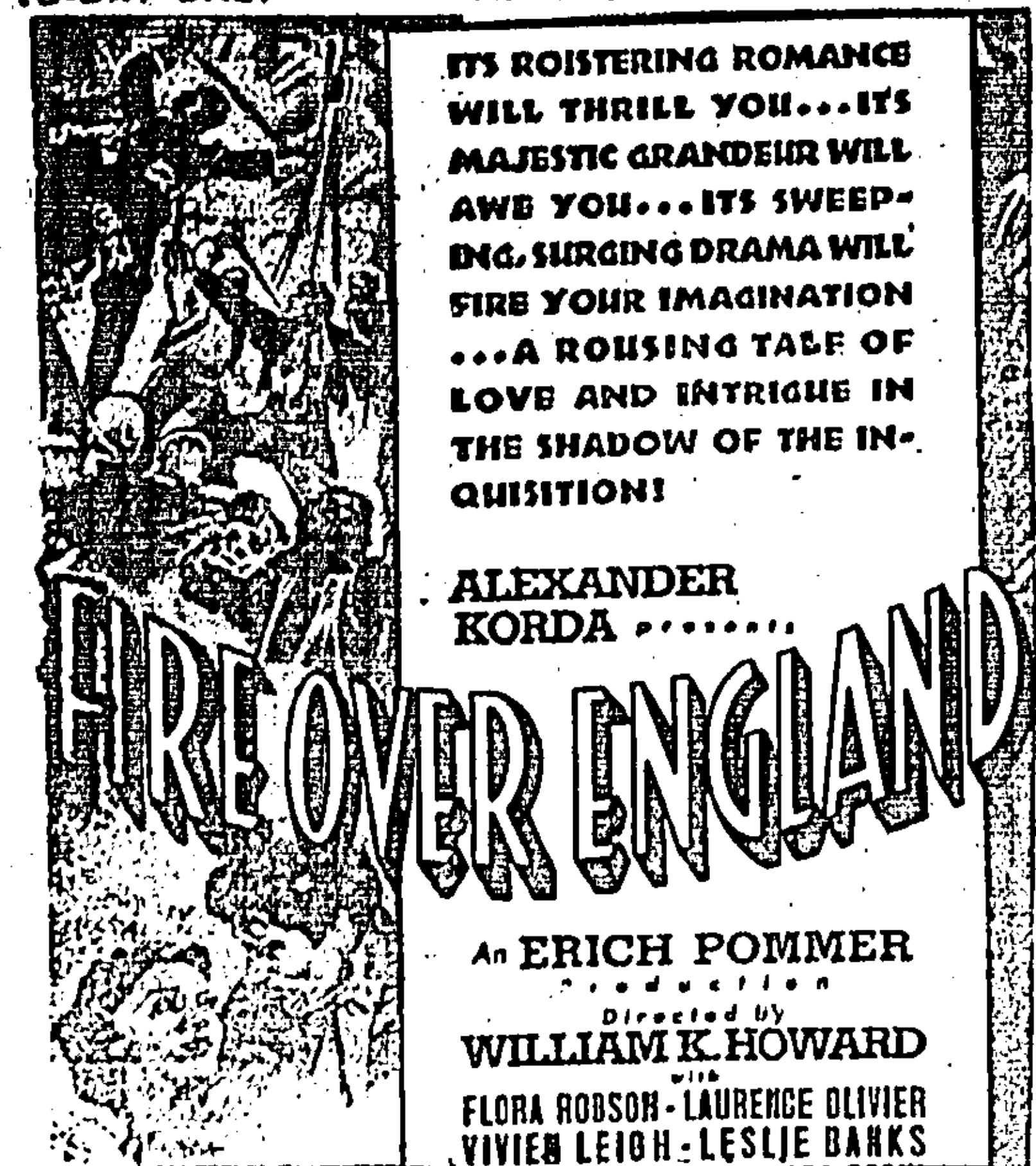
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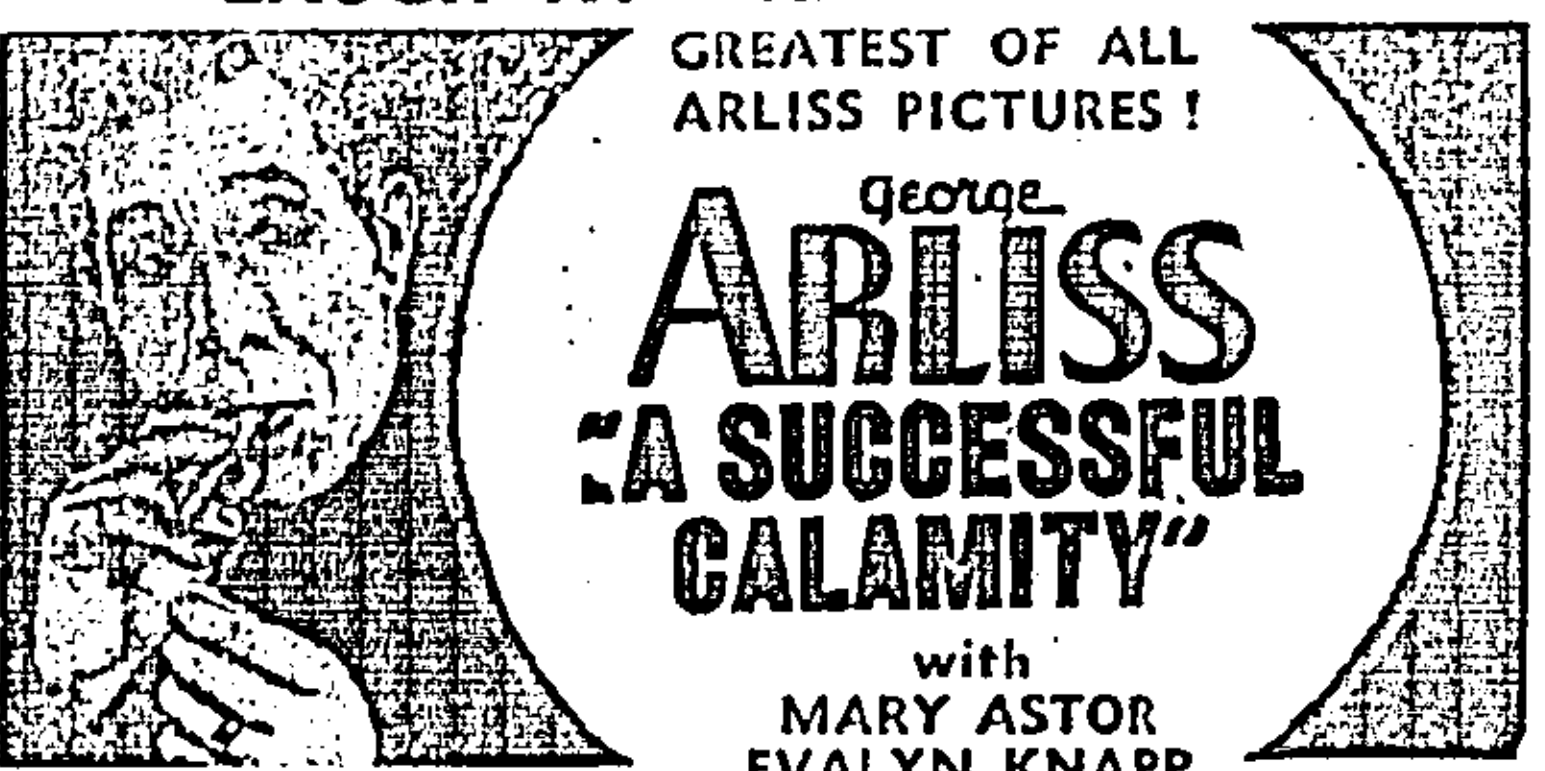
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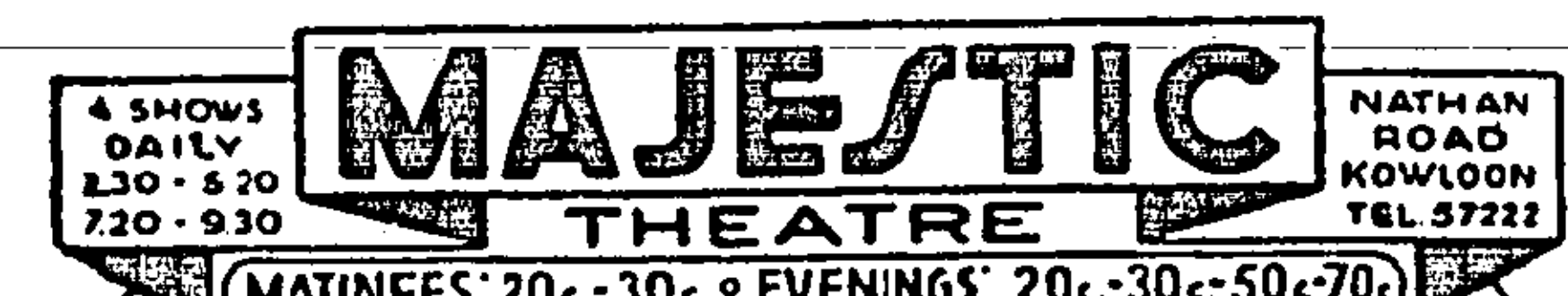


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Loyalist Troops Claim
Important Victory

Madrid, Dec. 20.
According to Government radio
broadcast, the mill in Teruel
after heavy house-to-house fighting,
under the light of searchlights, and
also aided by batteries mounted on
the hillside.

The artillery and planes destroyed
the centre of the City.—United Press.
Loyalists Jubilant

Barcelona, Dec. 20.
A note of jubilation has been
sounded by Government announce-
ments of successes on the Teruel
front claiming that the ring around
Teruel is drawing closer. It is re-
ported that Government planes play-
ed a large part in the operation.

The insurgents declare, however,
that the attacks were repulsed with
heavy losses.
Barcelona was heavily bombed by
the insurgents. It is understood
that two hospitals suffered damage.—
Reuter Bulletin.

Merely A Diversion
San Sebastian, Dec. 20.
A Nationalist radio broadcast,
which is the first of the week, asserts
that the Loyalist offensive was
merely a diversion designed to pre-
vent General Franco from con-
centrating elsewhere along the Aragon
front in preparation for a big attack.

The Nationalist radio station at
Saragossa claims that all Loyalist
attacks on the nose of Teruel salient
have been repulsed.

Another Nationalist message says
that the Loyalist offensive was like
lightning. It started fast and would
probably end the same way.
It is reported from Hendaye that
the Government in its broadcasts
claims that in the south, south-east
and north-west their columns are
taking Teruel house by house. They
fought all night in the glare of search-
lights and have made many captures.
Tanks and heavy artillery preceded
their fighting forces.

The Loyalists have invited the
civilians regardless of age and even
the fighters to leave Teruel via
Sagunto Road bearing white flags as a
token of surrender.—United Press.

BARCELONA ATTACKED

Barcelona, Dec. 19.
Insurgent planes bombed the out-
skirts of the city at 9.30 p.m. to-day.
It is reported that two military
hospitals were hit, with heavy
casualties.—United Press.

Support For Loyalists

London, Dec. 20.
A demonstration in support of the
Spanish Government was held in the
Albert Hall to-day where £3,000
was collected for the Relief Fund.
Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour Opposi-
tion Leader in the House of
Commons, who recently paid a visit
to Spain, attacked those who in the
House of Commons criticised his visit,
and said there was a stream of propa-
ganda in Britain directed against
the Spanish Government.
He accused the Government of
devotion to class warfare.—Reuter.

HANKOW KEYED UP AT RUMOUR OF WAR SPREADING SOUTH

(Continued from Page 1.)
viation of the province by Japanese
forces.
The decision was taken following
a joint meeting of the highest mili-
tary, political and party leaders yester-
day afternoon. General Wu Te-
chen, Governor of Kwangtung, pre-
sided.

It was also decided to entrust the
mobilisation programme to the fol-
lowing: General Tsai Ting-kai, and
Chiang Kwang-ngai, former com-
manders of the now-defunct 19th
Route Army, General Hsiang Han-
ping, deputy-commander of the 4th
Route Army, and Generals Li Fook-
tum and Chen Chen-yu.—Central
News.

Canton Stages "Self-Defence Parade"

Canton, Dec. 21.
More than 120,000 persons, includ-
ing men and women in all walks of
life, took part in a mammoth parade
yesterday in connection with the
"Self-Defence" Movement.
Prior to the parade a mass meeting
was held and was presided over by
Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of Canton.
—Central News.

AMERICA WON'T YET WITHDRAW

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many difficulties, and resulted in
Pointing out that during a century
certain rights and interests had de-
veloped in the Far East, Mr. Hull said
the American Government could not
suddenly disavow its obligations and
responsibilities.

The State Secretary declared that
the situation arising from the Panay
incident could not be settled for some
days as the United States Naval
Board of Enquiry was making a fully
detailed report which probably
would not be handed to the Washing-
ton authorities for several days.

Authoritative circles are of the
opinion that Japan will not reply to
the American Note until the Naval
Board has completed its enquiry as
the American Government, on the
basis of the Board's report, might
wish to implement the representations
already made.—Reuter.

Britain Joins Epidemic War To Aid China

Not Lagging Behind
Other Nations

London, Dec. 20.
Replying to Mr. F. C. Watkins
(Lab.) in the House of Commons to-
day, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that
the Secretary-General of the League
of Nations was arranging for the
formation of an English-speaking unit
under the League's scheme for
technical collaboration with China in
the campaign against epidemics, and
it was understood that Dr. R. C.
Robertson of the Lester Institute for
Medical Research in Shanghai had
accepted the post of Epidemic Com-
missioner and leader of the unit, and
that other members of the unit were
being selected.

Interested departments of His
Majesty's Governments were giving
all possible assistance to the Secre-
tary-General and Dr. Robertson, said
the Foreign Secretary.

Replying to a further question by
Mr. Watkins, Mr. Eden said it was
quite clear from his statement that
Britain was not lagging behind any
other country regarding this work.

Mr. A. V. Alexander (Lab.) asked
whether there was any protest from
Japan, and Mr. Eden replied that
there was not occasion for any-
body to protest. The action taken
was fully justified.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR NEW REGIME

Keijo, Korea, Dec. 21.
Following the example of Mr. Fan
San-sheng, the Chinese Consul-
General at Keijo, the Chinese Consul
at Chinnampo, Mr. Chang Yi-shin,
according to Japanese reports, has
also pledged allegiance to the Pro-
visional Government of the Republic
of China, recently organised in
Peking.—Reuter.

JAPAN ANGERED BY MILL FIRES

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Concerned over the destruction
of Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao
and the resultant unrest there, the
Japanese Government is keeping close
watch on the situation according to
press reports, which add that if the
fire were caused by Chinese acting
on the instructions of Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek, this wanton action
apparently reflects the realisation of
a policy of co-operation between the
Comintern and the Chinese Govern-
ment.—Reuter.

DIET TO MEET DECEMBER 24

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
In an atmosphere, unparalleled for
tension since the historical days of
1931, the 73rd session of the Diet is
being convoked on December 24.
Two days later there will be the
opening ceremony of the House of
Peers in the presence of the Emperor,
and immediately afterwards the
session will be adjourned until Janu-
ary 21.—Reuter.

CONSUL-GENERAL OFF TO CANTON

H.M.S. Seamus, a gunboat, left for
Canton this morning carrying Mr.
A. P. Blunt, the British Consul-
General, who has been in Hongkong
overnight for consultations with high
Colony officials.

WUCHOW BOMBED

Japanese Air Invasion
Of Kwangsi

Wuchow, Dec. 19.
Kwangsi has had its first taste of
war in the present Sino-Japanese
hostilities at 9.30 this morning. The
first sign of anything amiss was
noticed on board the Hongkong-
Wuchow river steamer s.s. Kong So,
which left Wuchow at 8.30 a.m. on
its regular run to Hongkong. A
sudden drone of aeroplanes drew an
excited, chattering crowd to the rail-
side of the ship from where they anxiously
watched a fleet of eleven Japanese
planes, flying in formation at a high
altitude, heading directly for Wuchow,
just eight miles away.

Helpless, they listened and counted
24 distinctly audible explosions
coming from the city they had so re-
cently left. One officer aboard the
steamer said he felt distinct vibra-
tions of the ship as the bombs fell
on Wuchow.

Still flying high, the invaders re-
formed to the east of the city, and
scanned the coast following the
river course. Though flying directly
overhead, they did not descend to
molest the river steamer, to the great
relief of the officers and passengers.
—A Correspondent.

Another correspondent writes:—
Several extremely tense minutes
passed by passengers, aboard the
s.s. Kong So this morning as Wuchow
was subjected to its first real
taste of war during the present Sino-
Japanese conflict.
At 9.30 a.m. the Kong So pulled
away from the wharf and slowly
headed down the West River towards
Hongkong. At 9.30 a.m., eight miles
down river from Wuchow, a group of
planes were sighted flying high above
the Kong So, and heading straight
for Wuchow, but no importance was
attached to the sight as it was as-
sumed that the planes were Chinese.
Within a few minutes, however, fear
suddenly gripped all on board as the
unpleasant sound of exploding bombs
filled the air.

NO EUROPEAN CASUALTIES
Within a very short time the planes
were seen making their way back in
the direction of the boat. The planes,
numbering eleven in all, were flying
at a high altitude, when suddenly
four of the group began to dive to-
ward the boat. Anxious faces were
turned upward with eyes glued on
the descending planes while nervous
hands all along the deck firmly
clutched the rails, no one knowing
just what to expect. However, the
planes levelled out and flew harm-
lessly over the ship, heading in a
south-easterly direction, the remain-
ing seven planes—though at a much
higher altitude—following close be-
hind.

According to a cable received in
Hongkong yesterday, no Europeans
were injured during the raid.

Collecting For China War Victims

Mrs. Annie Lok, of the Tieh Hwa
School, Shanghai, has arrived in
Hongkong on a mission connected
with war relief.
The Tieh Hwa School is for des-
titute Chinese boys and girls, and
many of its students are from the
war zone and have been left entirely
without support.
The school is feeding, clothing and
accommodating numbers of these
children and is in dire need of funds
to carry on its work.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 20.
The following quotations on the
New York commodity exchange are
issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
January	8.15/14	8.23/25
March	8.27/26	8.36/38
May	8.29/28	8.41/44
July	8.30/28	8.40/48
October	8.40/48	8.58/59
December	8.53/54	8.63/65
Spot		8.40

The First Notice Day for January
Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery
Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber		
	14.90N	
December	15.10/19	15.17/17
March	15.30/30	15.28b/31a
May	15.31/40	15.40b/44a
July	15.5A	15.58/60
September		15.58/60
Spot		8.40

The last Notice Day for December
Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat		
	94 3/4/94 1/2	
December	91 3/4/91	91 1/2/91 1/2
May	88/88	88 3/4/88 3/4
Saturday's Sales:		10,500,000 bushels.

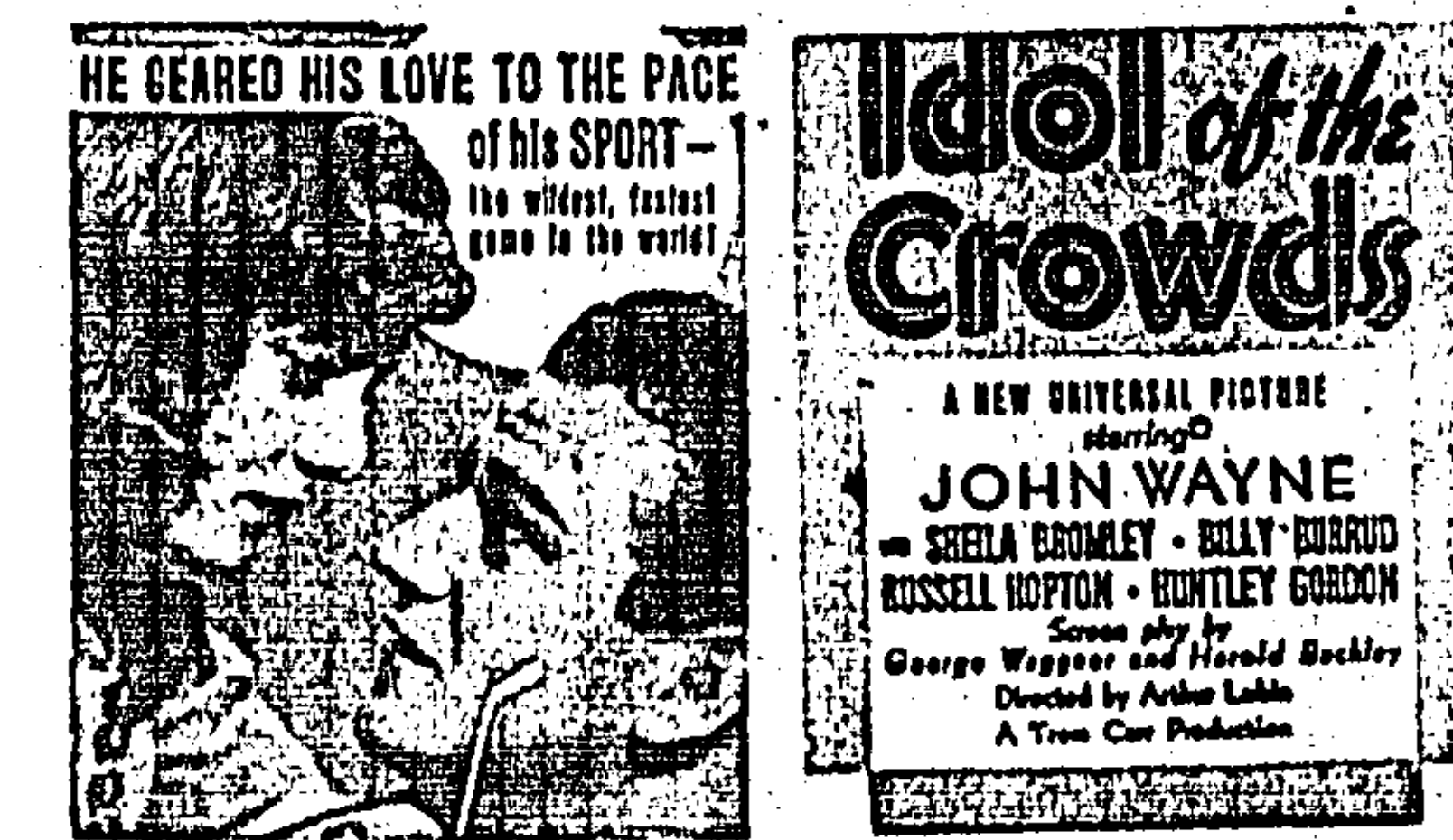
Chicago Corn		
	58 3/4/58 3/4	
December	58 3/4/58 3/4	58 3/4/58 3/4
May	59/59	59 1/2/59 1/2
July		59 1/2/59 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat		
	125 1/2/125 1/2	
Dec.	116 3/4/117	116 3/4/116 3/4
May		110 1/2/110 1/2
July		110 1/2/110 1/2

The last Notice Day for December
Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

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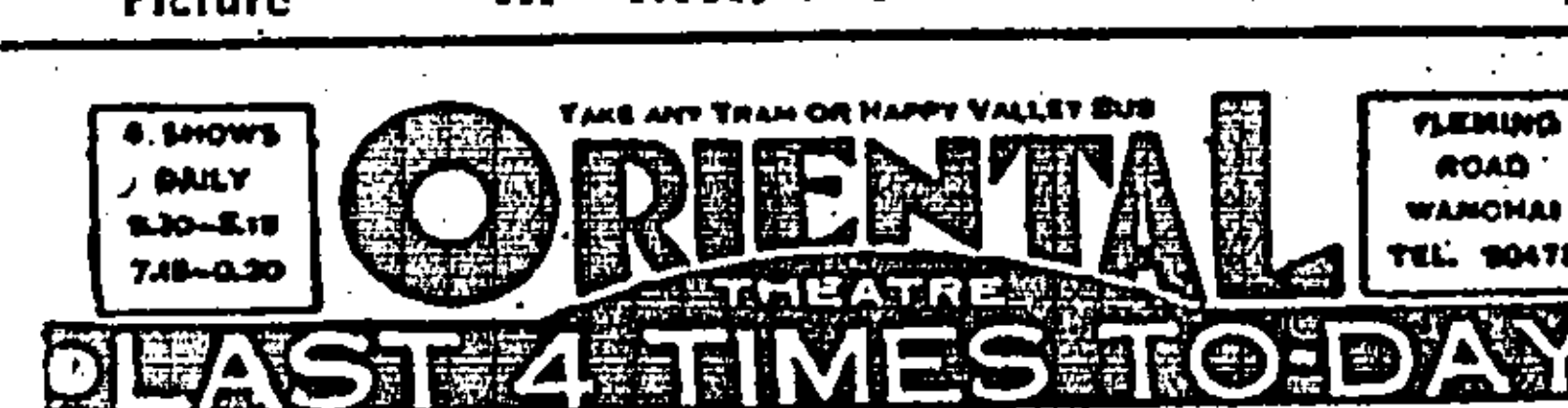
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange
official summary issued at 3.15 p.m.
yesterday, says: The market was
uneasy.

Buyers	
Douglases	\$48 1/2
H.K. Steamboats	\$8.20
China Lights (Old)	\$11
China Lights (New)	\$10.80
Entertainments	\$5
China Lights Rights	\$5
Sellers	
Union Insurance	\$510
H.K. & W. Docks	\$28 1/4
H. & S. Hotels	\$9.15
H.K. Tramways	\$19.10

Berlin, Dec. 20.
General Erich Ludendorff, famous
German war-time commander, who
died to-day, is being interred at
Munich. Herr Adolf Hitler will
attend the funeral.—Reuter.

H.K. Electrics \$52.
Telephones (Old) \$20 1/2.
Telephones (New) \$9.20.
Cements \$12.00.
Hongkong Mines \$0.13.
Sales
Hongkong Bank \$1,430.
H.K. Electrics \$31/50 1/2.
China Lights Rights \$5.

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JAPANESE DENY MACHINE-GUNNING PANAY

REPORTS ON INCIDENT CONFLICTING OFFICERS "DOUBT" IF U. S. SHIP ACTUALLY FIRED ON TROOPS

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Retraction of one of the main findings of the Panay investigation was made by Major-General Harada at a press conference, when he said that he had now established that the Panay did not fire cannon shots at the Japanese army units, but he reiterated that the Japanese army boats did not fire on the gunboat.

Major-General Harada's statement was based on the investigation of Lieut-Colonel Nishi, War Office staff officer, who explained that the commander of a small Japanese unit heard the sounds of what appeared to be shells, but the commander of a larger unit said he considered this was not the case since the shells had not exploded in the vicinity.

Major-General Harada and Lieut-Col. Nishi both said that personally they doubted the report that the Panay fired shots.—*Reuter*.

Doubtful Reports

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
At the press conference in Shanghai today at which newspaper correspondents interviewed Major-General Harada, the Japanese spokesman said it was "doubtful" whether the Panay fired on the Japanese army unit which was ashore.

He introduced Lieut-Colonel Nishi, who was sent to the scene of the incident by the War Office to investigate. Col. Nishi said the Japanese army commander thought he heard three shells whistling overhead while the Panay was firing at the Japanese planes, although he did not hear the shells explode.

Col. Nishi said: "I believe the impression gained by the Commander was inaccurate."

"There Was No Firing"

Regarding the machine-gunning of the Panay, Colonel Nishi said he had investigated that report very particularly and he was convinced "there was no firing, and that under the situation it was impossible any firing could have occurred."

Major-General Harada did not report to the conference concerning the Ladybird incident, as he said he had been instructed by Tokyo to suspend an announcement of the Wuhu affair pending conclusions of negotiations in Tokyo.

Barrage Of Questions

Newspaper correspondents questioned Major-General Harada on his statement for an hour without gaining elucidation on points which contradicted everything known before his investigation.

The General said he had not interviewed anyone personally involved in the affair. When it was pointed out that the Japanese originally stated they did not know about the Panay incident until 10 a.m. on December 12, the General changed the first sentence of the statement to indicate that the Panay went in the direction of Nanking which was still in Chinese hands, in order to investigate the Ladybird bombings.

Asked whether the Japanese Army's own investigation had not tended to "whitewash" the army and to pin the sole guilt on the navy, General Harada replied: "That is something which cannot be determined or given here by a General. He pointed out that 'it must be remembered that an officer in the field is always thinking of the enemy—he thinks everything he sees pertains to the enemy.'"

Panay Painted White

Asked whether the Japanese were unaware that all Chinese gunboats were painted grey and the Panay was painted white, General Harada said that under-officers cannot be expected to possess naval knowledge. Asked why the unit which proceeded to Pukow had not reported that a foreign warship was firing on (Continued on Page 4.)

More Queries On Prison Food Supply

Sir Henry Pollock
Still Inquisitive

The Hon. Sir Henry Edward Pollock, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions in Legislative Council to-morrow:

With reference to the report of the Prisons Committee (published as Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1937) will the Government state—

(1) On what date was that report sent in by that Committee to the Government?

(2) Is the Government, in regard to the supply of food to prisoners during the year 1938, following the recommendations of that Committee? If not will the Government state in what respects it is not following the recommendations of that Committee and for what reasons?

(3) What Officer of the Gaol is responsible for recommending to the Tender Board the acceptance of a particular tender for the supply of food to prisoners?

(4) Who is the proprietor of or who are the partners in the Hop Kee which is referred to in that part of the said Committee's report which relates to food? Are not the Hop Kee also the present contractors for the supply of food to the Queen Mary Hospital?

REMOVING TRADE BARRIERS

Van Zeeland's Report
Ready Soon

London, Dec. 20.
It is understood that M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, has made considerable progress with his report on the mission entrusted to him by the British and French governments, of enquiry into the possibility of improving international trade by the reduction of trade barriers, and it is expected the report will be in the hands of the British Government before Christmas. The report will receive immediate consideration, but there is no confirmation in London of the press statements that M. Van Zeeland will himself visit London shortly.—*British Wireless*.

CANTON RUSHING TO MEET ATTACKS

Preparations For
Emergency Speed
Up In South

Tsingtao New
Danger Spot

Canton, Dec. 21.

Although Canton has resigned itself to the prospects of hostilities in South China, and feverish military activities are reported to be taking place, including the arrival of several thousands of Kwangsi troops to Kwangtung, usually well informed Chinese and foreign sources hesitate to give full credence to the recent rumours that a Japanese invasion is likely, at least for the present.

Admittedly the time is ripe for Canton to share the fate of the other big cities in China, but the likelihood of trouble at Tsingtao, where the outlook has suddenly become ominous, may temporarily direct the direction of the war from South China, where all sources agree the Japanese campaign will prove very expensive, necessitating Japan's best men power.

The Chinese are still crowding Hongkong steamers fearing that opportunities for evacuation will not be available later. Student bodies which have been quiet for this part of China, are now coming to the fore-front, and the vernacular papers report anti-Japanese demonstrations and mass meetings can be expected in the near future.—*Reuter*.

PUNISHMENT DEMANDED

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Drastic punishment of the Chinese who set fire to Japanese cotton mills (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

TRANSPORTS IN BIAS BAY

Unimpeachable authorities
in Hongkong have learned
that two Japanese transports
are at present in Bias Bay.

It appears probable, although the military and the police cannot confirm this, that the Japanese have already landed some troops in this vicinity.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 14.)

TENSE MOMENT IN JERUSALEM



This British policeman in Jerusalem's old quarter is arresting an Arab, dressed in European clothing, said to have slain a Jewish youth during an outbreak of terrorism over racial differences. Disorders continue in Palestine, and British troops are frequently involved.

Britain Orders More Cruisers

London, Dec. 20.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons today that an order for four 8,000-ton cruisers was being placed with shipbuilders at Wallsend-on-Tyne, Clydebank, Govan and High Walker yards.

These vessels were part of the conclusion of the existing 1937 programme.

Mr. Winston Churchill asked if they were equal to contemporary vessels being built in other countries, and Mr. Shakespeare said they certainly were as regards the ships of signatories to the London Naval Treaty.—*Reuter's Special*.

High Speed Vessels

London, Dec. 21.
The four new cruisers just ordered by Great Britain will cost £7,250,000. They will be high speed craft, equipped with heavy armament, six guns each.

The only warships under the 1937 estimates not yet contracted for are eight destroyers of 1,650 tons each, when these contracts are awarded the total construction in the United Kingdom yards will exceed 500,000 tons.—*United Press*.

Enormous Expansion

London, Dec. 21.
Jane's Fighting Ships reveals that huge increases in naval armaments have occurred since last year. Britain's net gain is 73 ships of all classes, Germany's 85, Italy's 127, mostly submarines. Russia's 89, France's four, the United States two. It is indicated that Japan has lost six warships.

For the first time Jane's reveals much information on Russian and German warships and very little on Japan's.

In the introduction the publication says: "The flood of new orders for warships is not abating. In the whole world there is scarcely a naval power of any importance that has not received the common impulse to bring its fleet up to date. But for the shortage of skilled labour and materials, naval construction would be still greater."—*United Press*.

GUNBOAT TO VISIT

The Portuguese gunboat Bartolomeu Dias is expected in harbour this afternoon from Macao. It will salute the flag of the Commander-in-Chief.

OBSTRUCTION IN PANAY ENQUIRY NOW SUGGESTED

JAPANESE VERSION OF ATTACK NOW DIFFERS WIDELY FROM ORIGINAL

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Foreign military circles are closely watching the apparent split between conservative and radical factions in the Japanese Army. Victory for the latter in the Panay and Ladybird cases might mean the constant infringements of the rights of third powers in China, resulting from the insurgence of the younger officers.

The split, according to well-informed circles, dates from the February, 1936, revolt in Tokyo and has become wider on the battlefields of China where often the younger groups of officers have followed their own ideas because their superiors' orders "were not proper thoughts," it is said.

From such incidents as that involving the Panay, when naval planes went up-river with orders to find an alleged convoy of retreating Chinese reported 30 miles from Nanking, and that involving H.M.S. Ladybird, on which the Japanese fired because of orders to sink anything in the Yangtze, it is apparent that the younger radicals are in the saddle. Since these incidents, it is believed, much has been done to impede the proper investigation by Japanese higher officers, and thus the length of time required to produce an official statement is explained. The conflict in important particulars with previous testimony bears out the idea of radicals' obstruction.

HOOVER'S BACK IS BROKEN

Dismal Outlook For
\$8,000,000 Ship
Helplessly
Pounding

According to word received in Hongkong this morning the position of the Dollar Line's eight million dollar liner President Hoover is growing increasingly grave. The liner's back is now broken and the sea remains so rough that the ship is being pounded helplessly on the reef onto which she ran last week at Hoishoto Island while the two tug boats in attendance are unable to lend any assistance to the stricken liner.

A further difficulty has now arisen. No lighters are available at any convenient port and so, even if the weather breaks and conditions would permit of cargo and effects being transferred to lighters, or possibly a small ship chartered for the purpose, this will not be possible.

The Yusho Maru, which went from Hongkong, and the Miho Maru, sent to the ship from Moji, are still in attendance but it is expected that the Yusho Maru will return to Hongkong this week and should arrive here on Friday. Mr. T. B. Wilson, local agent for the Dollar Line, is expected back here that day.

It has been announced here that the President Hoover will take over the smaller ship is expected to sail from San Francisco on January 8, arriving here on January 28. Whether the President Hoover will be able to maintain the fast schedule of the more modern and speedier President Hoover is not yet known and the Taft may leave America a day or two ahead of schedule. This extra day together with the time gained by not calling at Shanghai, will probably be sufficient for her to arrive at other Far Eastern ports according to schedule.

CONFLICTING REPORT

San Francisco, Dec. 20.
Captain Yardley of the liner President Hoover has sent a radio message that the ship is not breaking up but is working higher on the rocks.

Salvage vessels and the destroyer Alden are standing by awaiting an opportunity to refloat the liner.—*United Press*.

Fear Further Complications
Conservative army and navy officers—for the split is also reported to exist in the naval branch of the service in a much lesser degree—fear continuation of insurgence may mean repeated complications, endangering Japan's entire expansion programme because of the possibility of third powers becoming involved in the China war.

It is believed that political pressure from certain powerful quarters in Tokyo is working on the side of the younger radicals. But the issue is by no means decided, particularly since foreign nations continue steadfast in their demands that those directly guilty of attacks on neutral ships should be punished.

Correspondents' Difficulties

Correspondents during the past few days have been consistently unable to obtain satisfactory responses to questions on the whereabouts of Colonel Hashimoto, who is reported to have fired on H.M.S. Ladybird. They want to know whether he was actually authorised to fire on anything in the Yangtze and whether he was concerned in the Panay affair.

The answer they usually receive—as was the case this afternoon—is that units at the front in war-time cannot be produced as they would be in peace-time.—*United Press*.

Attack Versions Differ

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
The Japanese inquiry findings in the Panay incident, announced by Major-General Harada, Japanese Military Attaché, indicate variance with the accounts given by the naval and civilian survivors of the bombing.

The findings were read by Major-General Harada to a press conference. The statement was vaguely worded, and the main conclusions were that three Japanese aeroplanes bombed the Panay, that the gunboat fired three gun shots at Japanese army units, and that the latter did not fire on the Panay.

Major-General Harada denied that Japanese army boats fired on the Panay, and asserted that the American (Continued on Page 4.)

CHRISTMAS COOKING.



ALTHOUGH Christmas is only a week ahead, it is by no means too late to start making preparations for the festive fare.

Several readers have written asking for recipes for puddings, cakes and mince pies, so that there isn't a last-minute rush.

Also, as we all know, Christmas means extra expense. The wise housewife will, therefore, plan to buy something every week out of the weekly housekeeping allowance, so that the burden doesn't come all at once to take the pleasure out of the party.

First, we must count up the pudding basins, and see that there are sufficient pudding cloths, with extra ones to tie over the puddings after they have been boiled. For the wet pudding cloth should be removed after cooking, and a clean one placed over the top. When tied on, the cloth is turned back over the pudding, and tied to form a useful handle, by which the pudding is lifted out of the saucepan.

Steamers are well worth buying, especially for Christmas cooking, as several puddings can be cooked at the same time.

Next, you'll need a good supply of greaseproof paper. Take my tip and buy it from the butcher; there's a real saving this way.

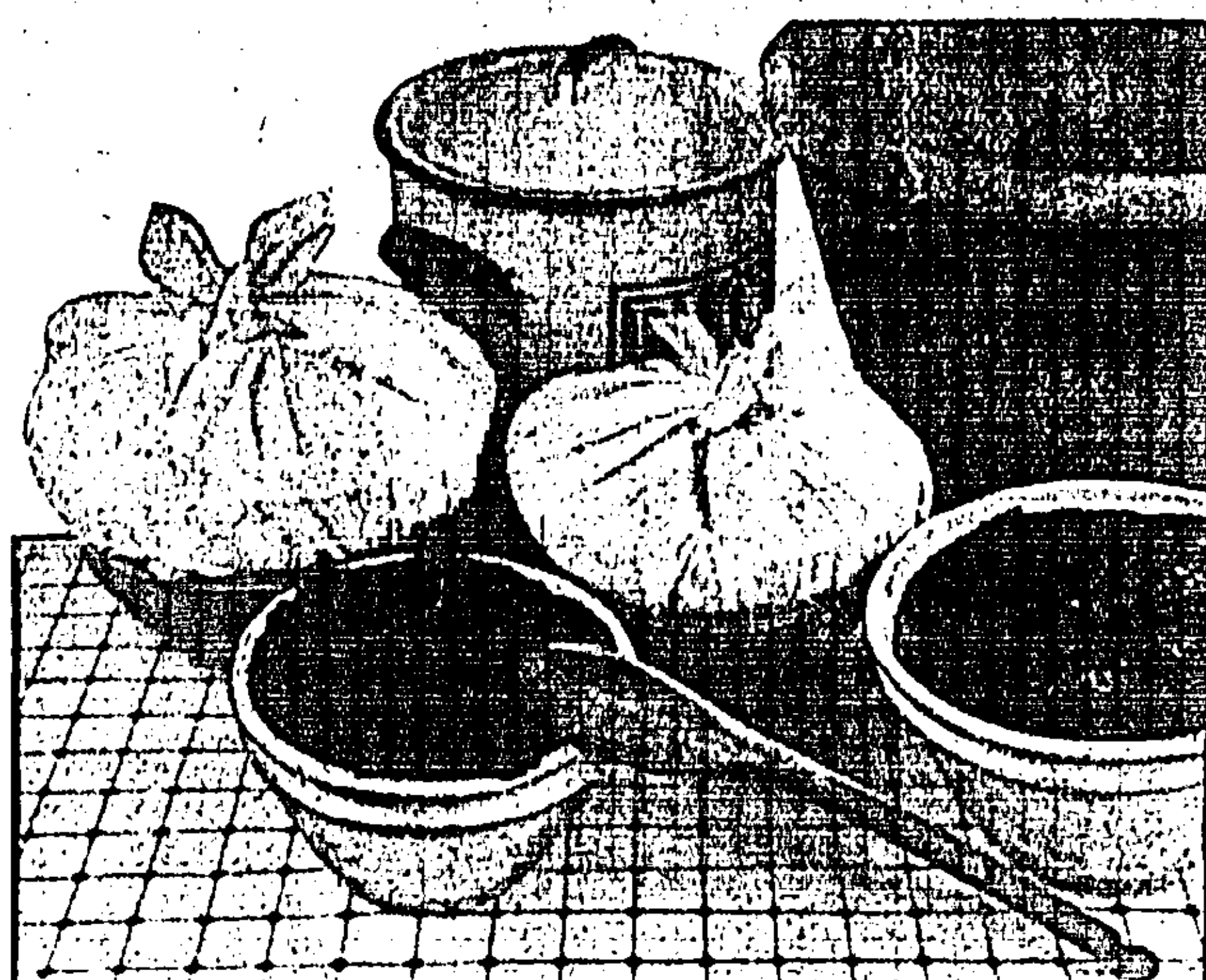
Cooking fat which can be bought in cartons, besides being useful for all cooking purposes, can be used for greasing parchment paper. It will keep for several weeks.

In the Store Cupboard

Packets of shredded suet can also be bought now, and stored in readiness for extra cooking.

Lent, granulated, caster, and brown sugar, are usually cheaply bought in large quantities. Sugar should be stored in tightly-closed jars.

Large sweet bottles are ideal con-



Mrs. BARRELL Makes the

PLUM Puddings

tainers, or if you have any empty bottled-fruit jars use those which have the glass tops.

Buy spices and flavourings in small quantities, as once they are open they lose strength. Ground spices are better to use than the whole kind.

Gradually add to your Christmas store packets of custard powder, blancmange powder, and jellies.

Packets of sponge cakes, stored in air-tight tin, are ready for party trifles.

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Ingredients required

1lb. shredded suet.
2oz. flour, 1lb. raisins.
4oz. candied peel.
1lb. sultanas.
6oz. currants.
2oz. glacé cherries.
2oz. chopped almonds.
1oz. mixed spice.
A pinch of grated nutmeg.
1oz. ground cinnamon.
1 pint milk, 1 lemon.
1lb. breadcrumbs.
A pinch of salt, 4 eggs.
A wineglassful of brandy.
(Sufficient for 8 persons.)

family air and wish, then the mixture is pressed into well-buttered basins. Cover with greaseproof paper, then with a scalded and floured pudding-cloth, tie down, boil for six hours. Sufficient for eight persons.

Less Rich Pudding

If you prefer a less rich recipe try this one. The pudding tastes just as Christmassy.

Ingredients: 6oz. breadcrumbs, 4oz. flour, 4oz. shredded suet, 6oz. currants, 4oz. chopped raisins (stoned), 1 teaspoon, 2oz. shredded candied peel, 3oz. sultanas, 2oz. raw grated carrot, 2 teaspoonfuls of lemon juice, and the same of grated lard, 1 teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of grated nutmeg, a heaped teaspoonful of baking powder, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk.

Mix the dry ingredients, except the baking powder, well together. Add the beaten eggs, lemon juice and milk, then cover and let the mixture stand for an hour.

Stir in the baking powder, then turn into a buttered basin, and tie down with greaseproof paper and a scalded floured cloth. Boil for 7 hours, or steam for 8 hours.

Luncheon Menu

Veal Cakes and Bacon.

Tomato Sauce.

Brussels Sprouts.

Sauté Potatoes.

Filled Oranges.

Mince a pound of veal, mix with 2oz. chopped cooked salt pork, good seasoning, a pinch of mixed herbs, and a beaten egg. Form into cakes and bake with fat. When nearly cooked arrange thin rolls of bacon on each cake, and serve with hot tomato sauce.

Allow a medium-sized orange for each person, cut off the top, and scoop out the pulp. For six oranges put four egg yolks into a double saucepan, add the orange juice, the juice of a lemon, and 3oz. of sugar. Cook until slightly thick, then cream in 3oz. melted butter. When cool, fold in the stiffly whipped egg whites and fill the orange skins with the mixture. Decorate with cherries and angelica. Serve each orange on a green leaf.

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Family Doctor writes about Chilblains

FROM now on I shall have many pathetic young callers asking for their chilblains. Grown-ups, too, are by no means immune from these troubles.

Treatment in itself is not sufficient. The aim should be rather to prevent chilblains appearing.

Regular exercises, the morning daily dozen especially, are all valuable aids to improving the circulation.

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As chilblains are a form of local congestion, it is important to keep the blood circulating, especially in the smaller bloodvessels. Some people find that they have low blood pressure or that their blood is thin. Dairy products, e.g., milk, eggs, butter will all help to give bodily heat.

An iron tonic or some tablets of calcium lactate may be indicated; but a doctor's advice should be taken before starting on these.

When the chilblain is beginning to form there is heat, swelling and redness with intense itching.

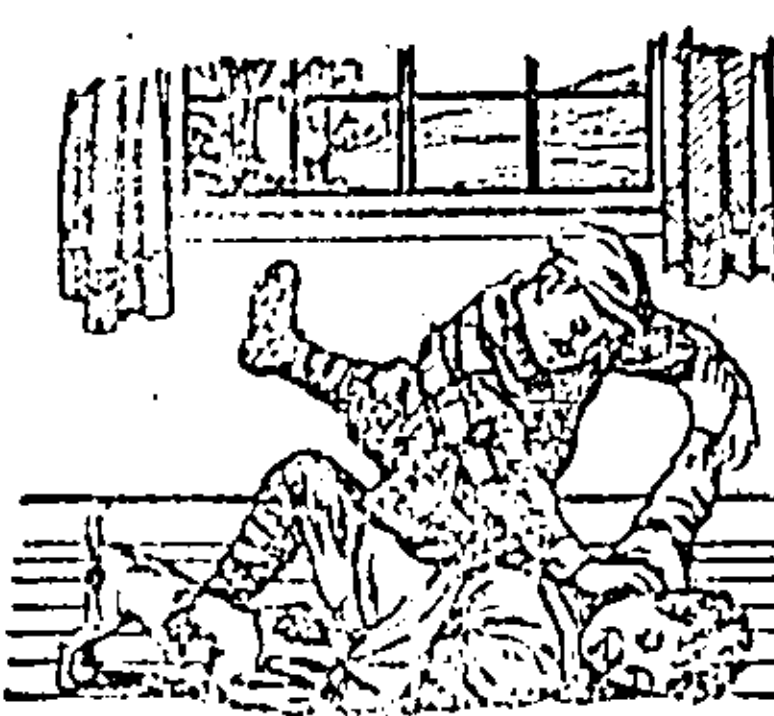
Painting with iodine is about the best measure, before the skin breaks. Alternate bathing with hot and cold water also sometimes helps, but unless it is done at the very early stages, it tends to increase the swelling.

When the skin has broken, zinc ointment or lint is soothing. A pad should be put in the shoe to raise up the heel and prevent the chilblain being rubbed. The toes can be padded also to relieve pressure.

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SHOES should be comfortable and well-fitting. If cold feet are a constant worry, an excellent pair of insoles can be made from an old piece of fur. These keep the feet beautifully comfortable on the bitterest days.

Beware of putting your cold hands or feet on warm radiators, hot water bottles or near the fire as first a brisk rubbing is essential to keep up the circulation of the blood.



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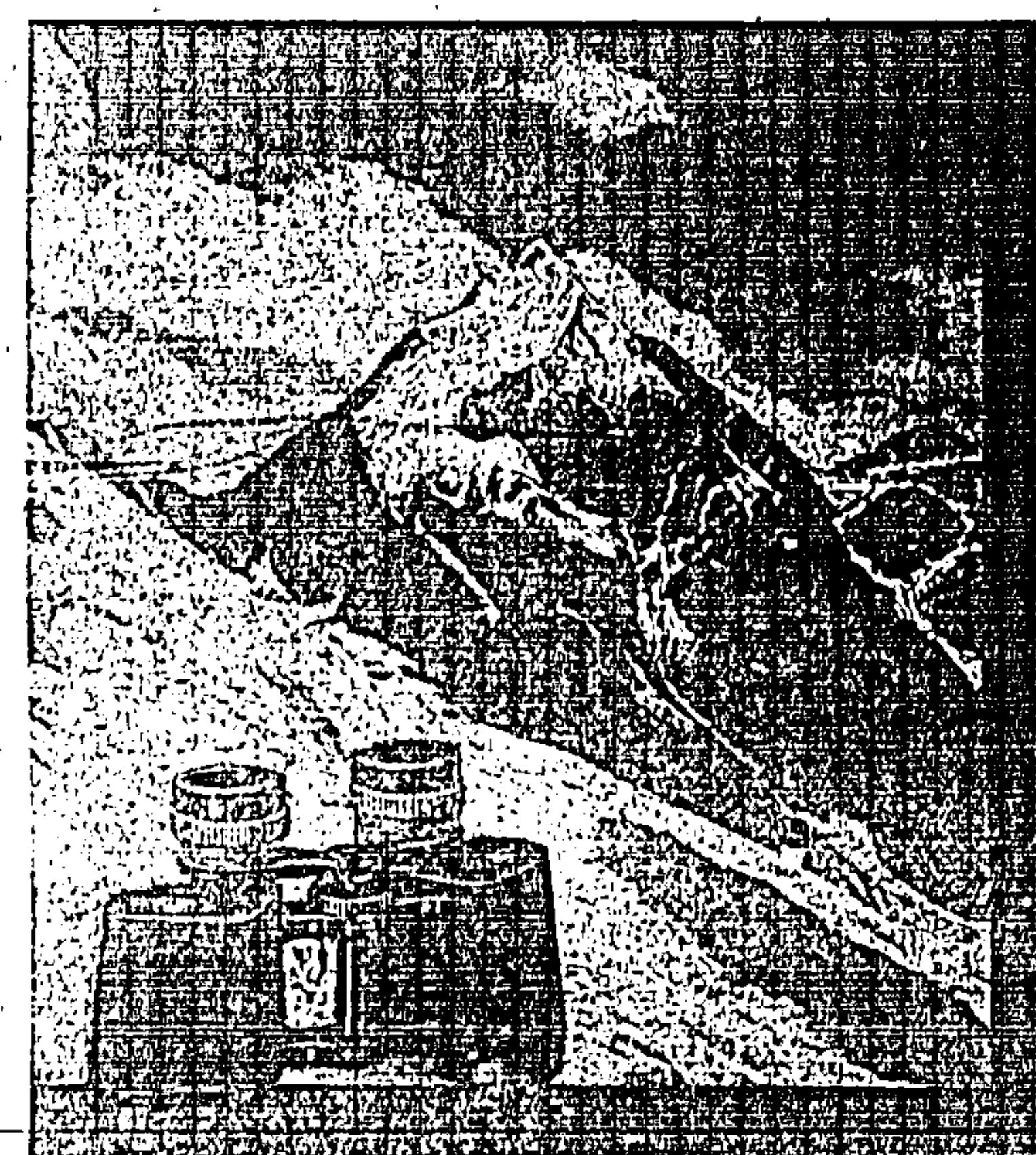
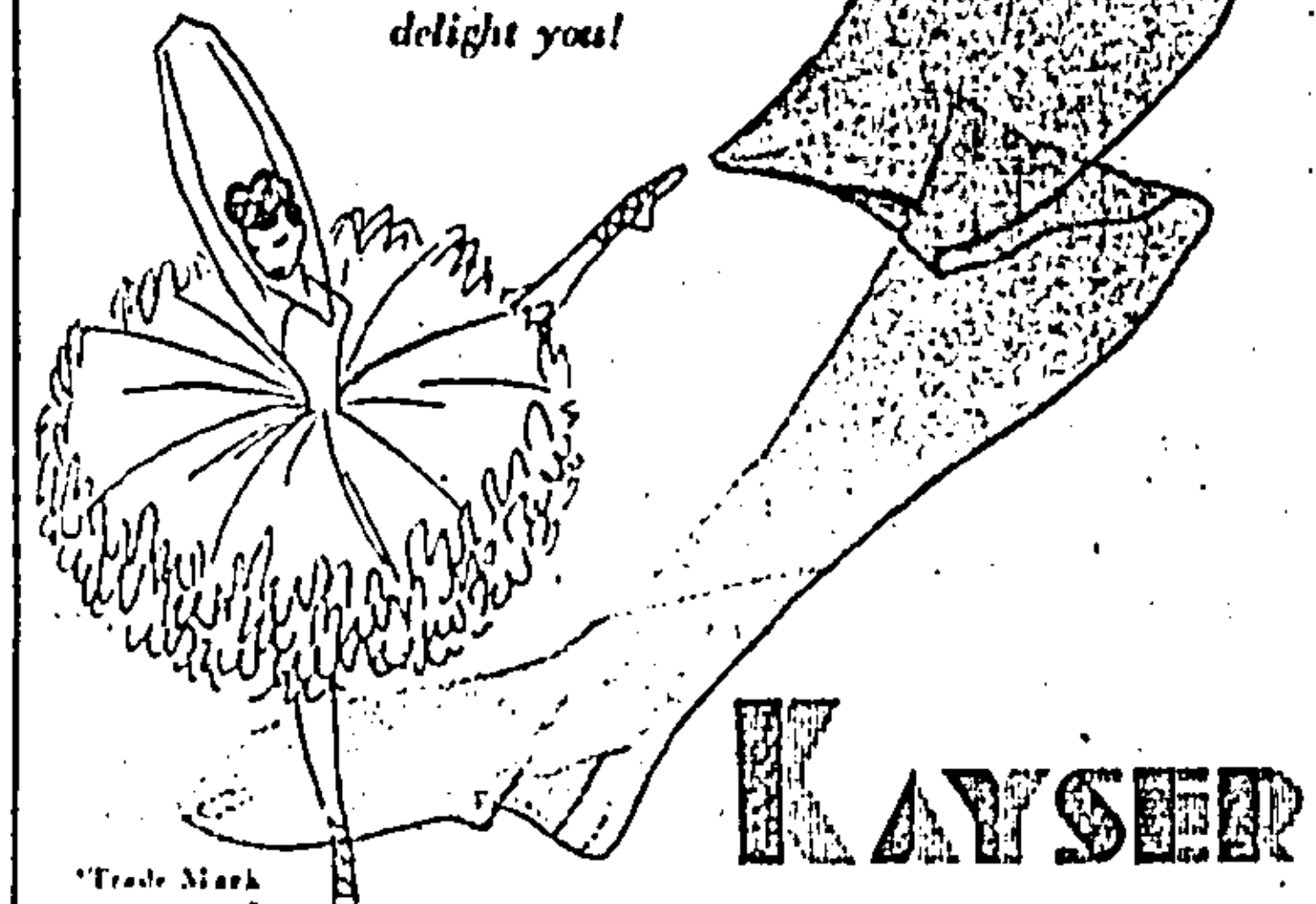


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War Scare Was—Beer!

A scientist with a sense of humour—Professor J. B. S. Haldane—revealed recently how he caused a scare.

After reading about "a terrible new substance" discovered in America, that would make millions of people unconscious in the event of another war, he did a little investigating.

"Then," said the professor, "I wrote to the Manufacturing Chemist:

"Are you aware that ethynol is being produced in quantities sufficient to render millions of people unconscious, at Munich and Burton-on-Trent?"

"That started another scare."

"Now ethynol is the scientific name for alcohol, which, I believe, is to be found in what is vulgarly called beer."

The professor told his story at a London book fair.

MRS. ROOSEVELT BY HERSELF

New York. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in her autobiography just describes herself as "a shy, solemn child who never smiled," because she was ashamed that she had not inherited the beauty with which other women of her family were endowed.

The book is an amazing and revealing document of her transformation from an inhibited, seared child into the most vital and most tolerant First Lady of the Land.

Mrs. Roosevelt gives a candid account of her personal experiences from early childhood through marriage—when "Uncle Ted," then President Theodore Roosevelt, "stole the entire show"—and during the ten years when she "was always just getting over having a baby or about to have one."

She describes also the trying time when she helped her husband to fight off the ravages of infantile paralysis. Despite years of travel and many series of lecture tours Mrs. Roosevelt confesses that, even to-day, when she faces a crowd she wishes the ground would open up and swallow her.

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QUITS HOLLYWOOD—Exhibiting little of the fiery spirit of his renowned father, here is Vittorio Mussolini, son of the Italian dictator, as he quit Hollywood by plane to go to New York. He gave no reason for his sudden trip.

Famous Readers Meet His Famous Heroes

By Richard Jones

England, and the Empire about which he wrote so majestically, paid a silent but eloquent tribute to the memory of that prince of writers, Rudyard Kipling, recently, when 1,000 of his admirers—among them statesmen, diplomats, and stars of the literary world—met for the first time in person those two whimsical heroes of Kipling's famous school story, "Stalky" and "M'Turk."

"Stalky," who in private life is Major-Gen. L. C. Dunsterville, and "M'Turk," alias Mr. G. C. Beresford, were guests of honour at a banquet at Grosvenor House in aid of the Rudyard Kipling Memorial Fund.

The function, one of the most brilliant of the London season, demonstrated more than ever the lasting esteem which friends and admirers of Kipling hold for his genius.

The King referred to Kipling's genius in a message in reply to an expression of loyalty, which read: "I am glad to know that representatives of all parts of the Empire are united in planning a fitting memorial to Rudyard Kipling, whose genius is the common heritage of all who speak the English tongue."

To perpetuate his memory, a fund of £250,000 is being raised, the main object of which is to endow 50 bursaries at the Imperial Service College, Windsor—Kipling's old school, which was then at Westward Ho! Devon. They will be open to the son of public servants in all parts of the Empire.

Suitable memorials will also be erected, and a Kipling library will be built at the school to create a centre of lasting interest to all admirers of Kipling's work.

Last night more than £10,000 was received, and the fund now totals more than £45,000. The Earl of Athlone, chairman of the fund, presided, and was accompanied by Princess Alice.

THE FORCES. Every branch of the Forces was represented. At special tables were members of the Irish Guards, with

"Please," pleaded "Stalky," "do not regard those schoolboy events as so many of our history. They are, for the most part, pure fiction, and it is very embarrassing to have to undergo a cross-examination on any of the incidents so dramatically described!"

THEN "M'TURK" "I don't know where to begin," said "M'Turk," smiling. "I could tell you so much about the youthful Kipling. He was not carefully brought up by hand to have particular preferences in public affairs; his education was not conducted in blinkers."

At Westward Ho! contrary to the general impression, there was no great propaganda of imperialism, or even patriotism. In a debate on the subject, the weight of opinion was in favour of joining the Army rather than the Navy.

What influenced them was that in the Army one wore a more decorative uniform, and had better meals, better beds, and above all, did not get up so early in the morning.

Pastel portraits of "Stalky" and "M'Turk" were presented to their originals by the Earl of Athlone, while every guest received a special limited edition of the 20 poems selected by Kipling during his lifetime as the most representative of his popular poems.

PAIN DIED NINETY YEARS AGO

Chloroform was discovered 90 years ago—on November 15, 1847. Prof. James Young Simpson, son of a baker, announced his find to a doubting world.

One day Simpson and a few doctor friends, gathered round a table, slowly sniffed saucersful of one liquid after another—one by one they fell to the floor and when they recovered realised that their discovery would revolutionise medicine and surgery.

Professor Simpson was in charge of the midwifery department of Edinburgh University and decided to give up his calling after he had watched the agonies of a Highland girl during an operation.

CHANGED HIS MIND But he changed his mind and resolved to seek out the cure of pain—especially that of childbirth.

He spent hundreds of pounds trying to find a satisfactory substance, until an obscure Liverpool chemist suggested the new drug chloroform.

Simpson met with bitter opposition—even on religious grounds; pain, it was said, was natural and it was sinful to lessen it.

To-day the chief use of chloroform is that of 90 years ago. It is still the most effective drug to lessen the pains of childbirth.

NOEL COWARD'S FATHER

The story of Noel Coward's love for his aged father lies behind the announcement that Mr. Arthur Sabin Coward left £545 to his widow, Mrs. Violet Agnes Coward.

He died in his 80th year at Golden-burst Farm, Alington, Kent, a village on the edge of the Romney Marshes and over the haunt of murderers.

In 1926 Noel Coward went with his mother to inspect the farm.

They thought it "a bit poky," but as the yearly rent was only £50 and it included six acres of ground, electric light, and a garage, they decided to take it.

His father liked it immediately. There was a muddy yard enclosed by thatched barns which were falling to pieces, two small ponds, five poplars,

Czechs Arrest 926 Spies

Vienna, Dec. 1.

Czecho-Slovakia is making a determined effort to round up the army of spies working for Germany and, in a lesser degree, for other neighbouring States.

Arrests now number 926, including 73 German Nazis.

The anti-spy drive is particularly strong in the frontier districts where the new fortifications are near completion.

At Brno yesterday 12 spies, including railway officials and one woman, were sent to prison.

and a ramshackle garden consisting almost entirely of hedges," wrote Noel Coward.

What finally persuaded him to take the farm, however, was the view.

The Cowards took possession in October 1920, and the aged father spent his last ten years pottering about the garden.

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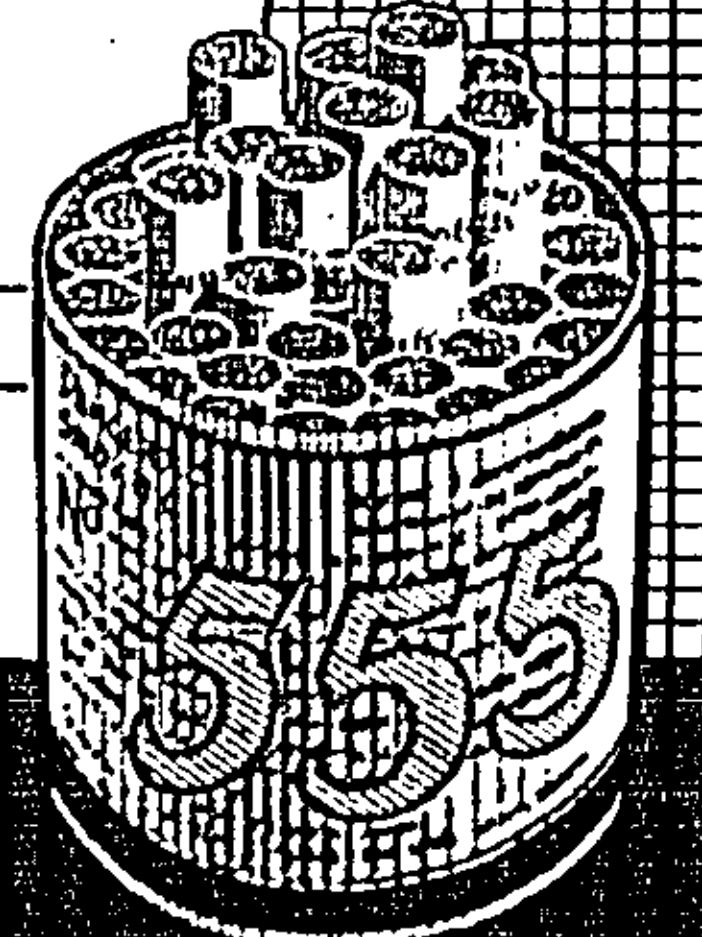
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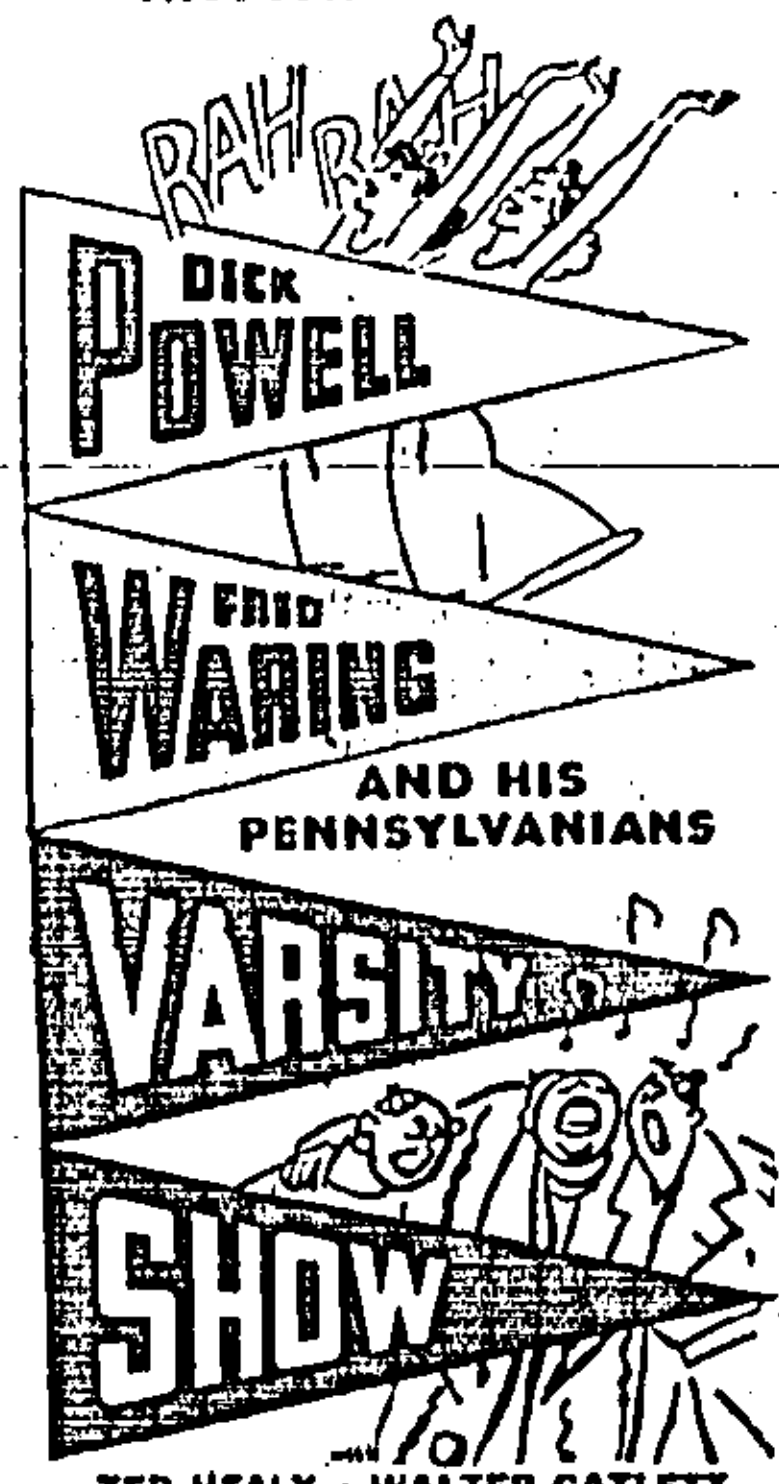


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USED BOY AS
DRUG CARRIER

A seaman who used a small boy to carry 500 heroin pills was fined \$100 or three months hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. Insp. W. Mair prosecuted.

It was stated that on December 13, the seaman, An Tai, 31, had been seen walking with a small boy in Tung Lo Street by a detective. The boy appeared to be acting in a suspicious manner, so the detective stopped and searched him, finding the pills in his girdle. He pointed at defendant and said they belonged to him. Defendant ran but was arrested.

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CANTON RUSHING
TO MEET ATTACKS

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In Tsingtau is demanded by Mr. Shojiro Otake, Consul-General at Tsingtau, who evacuated the port with 300 Japanese residents and officials on August 30.

The Consul declared: "The news is that such a situation has been brought about by Chinese, and there is no alternative for Japan but to resort to decisive measures. According to latest reports received by me, constables who had been engaged to protect the Japanese mill areas, were replaced by salt revenue guards who prepared explosions after looting the mills of valuable supplies which were transported to the interior on the Tsingtau-Tsinan airway."—Reuter.

JAPAN ANGERED BY
MILL FIRES

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Concerned over the destruction of Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtau and the resultant unrest there, the Japanese Government is keeping close watch on the situation according to press reports, which add that if the fire were caused by Chinese acting on the instructions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, this would reflect a policy of co-operation between the Comintern and the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

DIET TO MEET DECEMBER 24

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

In an atmosphere, unparalleled for tension since the historical days of 1931, the 73rd session of the Diet is being convened on December 24. Two days later there will be the opening ceremony of the House of Peers in the presence of the Emperor, and immediately afterwards the session will be adjourned until January 21.—Reuter.

QUIET BUT TENSE

Tsingtau, Dec. 21.

The city is quiet to-day, although tense on account of the bombings last night. Despite a very strict curfew at 10 p.m. there was considerable looting of Japanese shops last night.

SUSPECT ARMY
RADICALS CAUSING
JAPAN TROUBLE

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can warship was moving at the time of the attack.

The Panay officers reported that the gunboat was anchored two hours before the bombing. All points are strenuously queried by the correspondents aboard the Panay, who point out that the survivors contend there were first three, and then six machines concerned in the bombing, that the alleged firing of the Panay's guns was utterly incorrect, and that the Japanese army units hotly fired on the gunboat.

Another point in dispute is the Japanese assertion that the Panay was moving at the time of the attack. Major-General Harada emphasized that the Japanese commander of the troops involved "did not consider he was at fault." Major-General Harada is announcing the findings of the incident concerning H.M.S. Ladybird to-day.—Reuter.

Scores of offenders were arrested, tried and shot this morning.

The civil authorities are continuing to control the city. The marines are well disciplined, but the police are more lax.

The American Consul has been instructed by the State Department to urge Americans to evacuate as promptly as possible.

United States lives and property are not yet endangered. Some of the Americans are going to Shanghai, but the majority will remain at Tsingtau.

The wharves are blocked, but one British merchant vessel calls daily to take passengers and cargo to the outer harbour.

The wholesale evacuation of natives to the interior is continuing, and the population at present is 60,000 compared with 250,000 at the beginning of July. Ten thousand people are at present on relief. Japanese planes continue to fly overhead three times a day.—United Press.

JAPANESE DENY
MACHINE-GUNNING
PANAY

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a Japanese unit, and secondly why the unit had not reported that an American warship had been sunk by the Japanese. Major-General Harada replied: "It takes time."

When the press correspondents pointed out that the unit was only 27 miles from Pukow which must have been reached by darkness when radio would be available, the Japanese spokesman replied: "Its main body was not then in Pukow, and the Commander would report only to the superior officer of the unit." Thereafter, continued General Harada, the report must proceed by "the usual channels." He refused to elaborate this reply.

Survivors' Story Denied

Asked about a Tokyo report which attributed the Foreign Office with admitting that surface craft fired on the Panay, Major-General Harada said: "The General was not informed that shots were fired at the Panay, and in view of the fact that the Commanding Officer knew the Panay was an American vessel and had treated the wounded white officers proceeded to investigate, he does not believe any shots were fired at the Panay." The Commanding Officer had said the ships were moving when they first spotted them, although the survivors' testimony was that the vessel was anchored two and a half hours before the bombing. He added that the Japanese army unit only saw two bombers.

At this point Major-General Harada suddenly broke off the conference and said he would report on the Ladybird incident to-morrow.—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Shinkyo Maru, Corfu, President Pierce, Empress of Canada, Scharnhorst, Araba Maru, and City of Singapore.

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Thursday

Manila	Silverwalnut Thurs.	Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
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CONTINUED MURDER
HEARING

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saw accused in Apulu Street, but accused was not living with him then. Formal evidence of the conveying of several sealed jars from the Kowloon Mortuary and the Kwong Wah Hospital to the Government Analyst was given by three messengers.

Dr. Fung, a medical practitioner, said he was called to No. 103 Tung Choi Street, first floor, about 11 a.m. on October 5. He saw there an old man named Li Lung-kwan, who complained of pains in the stomach and much vomiting. Witness had the impression the man was suffering from food poisoning. The old man's heart was very weak, and witness gave him an injection. About a year ago, witness had attended Li for kidney trouble, and after the treatment Li was much improved.

Dr. T. Z. Bui, medical superintendent of the Kwong Wah Hospital, said that Tang Kam and Chan Kwai were admitted to the hospital about 11.05 a.m. on October 5. Tang complained of abdominal pains and vomiting and her pulse was weak. Witness suspected food poisoning and gave the appropriate treatment for it. The severity of the symptoms led witness to suspect arsenic poisoning. She became almost moribund and died at 11.30 p.m. on October 6. Chan Kwai and Li Lung-kwan also had the same symptoms and they died at 6.15 p.m. and 1.40 p.m. on October 5 respectively. The cause of death in all cases was gastric enteritis and heart failure, which were consistent with arsenic poisoning.

TELLS OF ANALYSIS

Cross-examined Mr. Macnamara, witness said that the oxide of arsenic was white in colour and gritty in substance. It was soluble in water, particularly boiling water. Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, told of the analysis he had made of the stomach wash-out, intestines and other internal organs of Tang Kam, and said that the total amount of arsenic found was .34 grain. In similar examinations made on the organs of Li Lung-kwan, 4.8 grains of arsenic were found, and in Chan Kwai, there was 1.7 grains.

He also analysed a pot of cooked rice and found 52 grains of arsenic in it. There was 1.17 grains in a bowl of cooked rice, one-tenth grain in some beef, and 1/130th grain in some bean sprouts. There was a total of 29 1/2 grains of arsenic found in the contents of three spittoons. An aluminium cooking pot contained two or three white crystals of arsenic amounting to one-third of a grain, while scrapings from accused's finger nails contained a very slight amount of arsenic as did a scrubbing brush.

IN LIQUID FORM

Witness experimented with a piece of white arsenic, dissolving it in boiling water. In one fluid ounce of the solution, just over nine grains of arsenic were found. The solution was colourless and odourless. In cold water, arsenic might take days to dissolve. Red arsenic was not soluble in water. In his opinion, the victims had taken the poison in

ASSAILANT
ASKED POLICE
PROTECTION

Annoyed by a creditor coming on board his junk to ask for repayment of loaned money at Shaikwan on Monday, Li Kan, 51-year-old fisherman, picked up a bamboo-smoking pipe and struck him on the upper lip, splitting it to the gum. He then rushed off to the police station and asked for protection from the creditor.

Charged with assault before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, he was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$5 compensation to the injured man.

EX-BEGGAR
TRIES THEFT

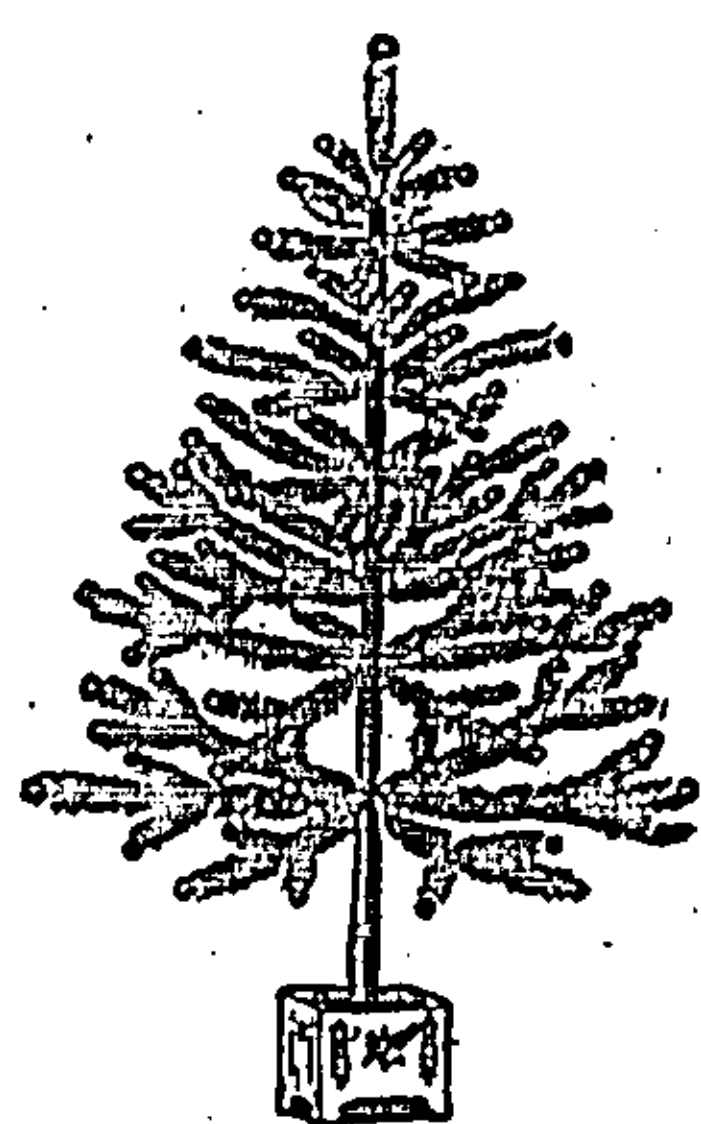
Chan Fuk-yin, 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing about \$1.70 in money from No. 5 Jubilee Street. The complainant said that the box was placed in the shop under the staircase, and at 11.20 yesterday he saw the defendant take the money from the box and put it in his pocket. His Worship imposed six weeks' imprisonment after defendant had admitted two previous convictions for larceny and one for begging.

TEMPERATURE
FALLS A POINT

Temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory to-day was 62, a fall of one degree from the corresponding reading yesterday. The anti-cyclone remains centred over China with an extension eastward to the Pacific to the south east of Japan; it has increased moderately in intensity. Local forecast:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

Dr. G. H. Henry, of the Kowloon Mortuary, said he performed a post mortem on the body of Tang Kam, and found the intestines inflamed, the spleen enlarged and the liver yellowish in colour. The only abnormal sign was gastric enteritis. All this was consistent with acute arsenic poisoning, and the cause of death, in his opinion, was heart failure following acute arsenic poisoning. He also examined the bodies of Chan Kwai and Li Lung-kwan, and found similar conditions. A fatal dose of arsenic was from two to three grains, and deceased must have taken more than a fatal dose.

Poon Wei, drug dealer, said his firm bought arsenic from the medicine dealers of Bonhom Straps. They were bought in two forms, red and white rock, and were sold at 40 cents a catty. He only sold to doctors. The Crown case closed with the reading of accused's statement, made at the Kowloon Magistracy during the preliminary hearing of the case, to the jury. The case is proceeding.



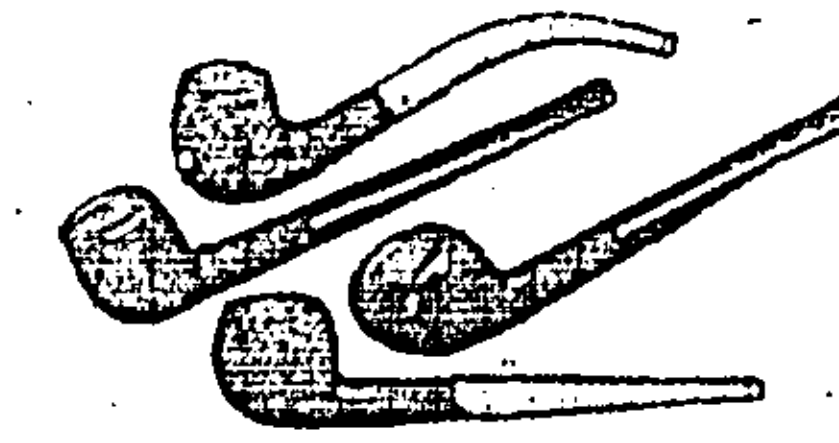
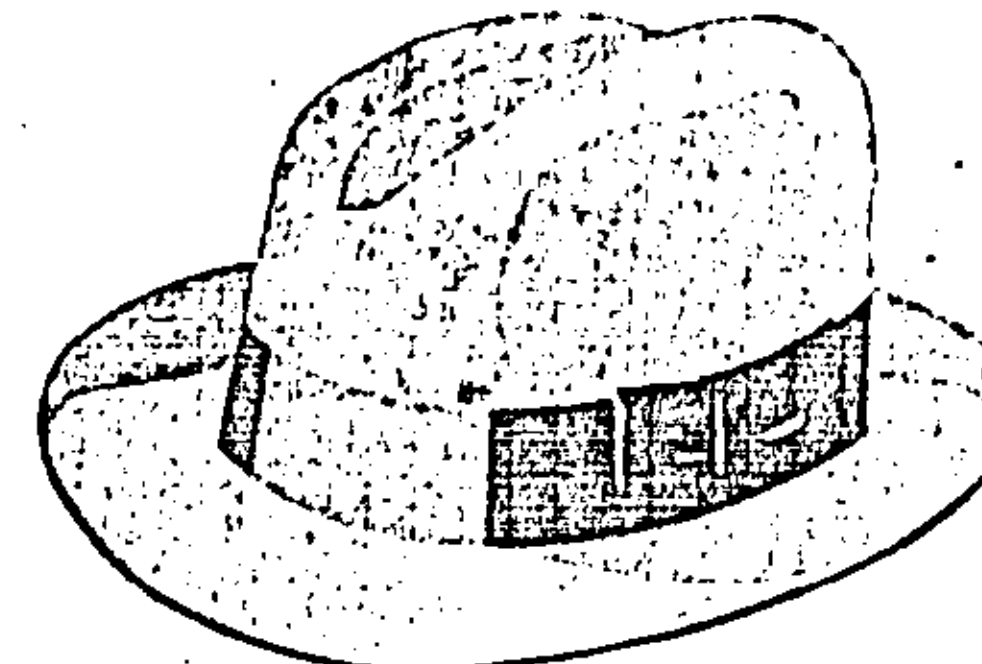
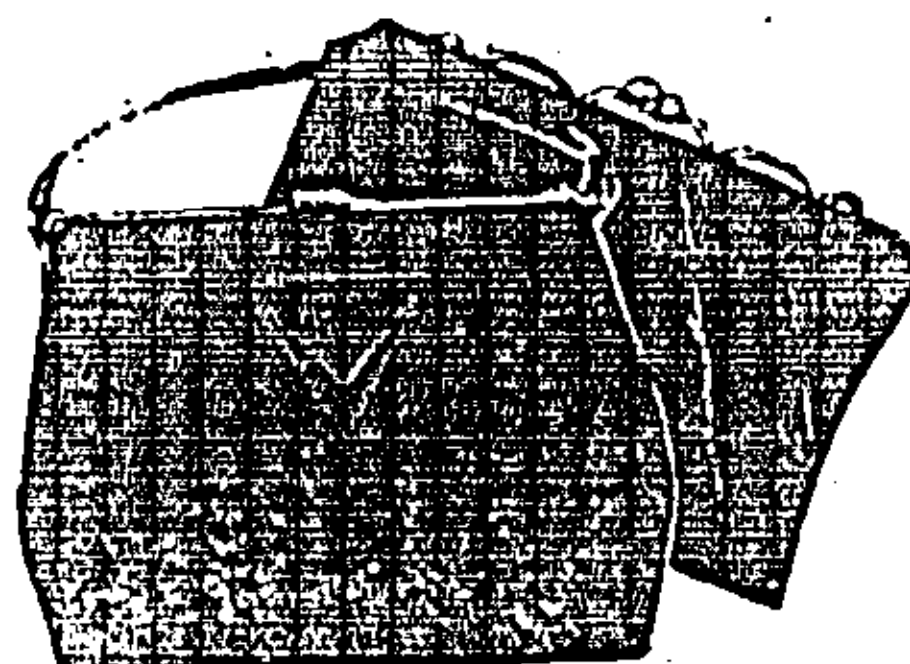
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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Although there were considerable changes in some districts as a result of the recent British municipal elections, the change was but slight if the country as a whole is considered. According to statistics prepared by the London Municipal Society, the net result for 310 towns in England and Wales, not including London, was a gain of nine seats for Labour. Considering the enormous number contested, this is a very small turnover of seats indeed. In Lancashire, where Labour is generally expected to do well, the party lost twenty-five seats and one in Northumberland and Durham respectively; but it gained nine seats in Yorkshire and one in Cheshire. The tendency was apparently for Labour to gain ground in the small towns, and in places where new boroughs have recently been formed in which seats were being contested for the first time, and to lose ground in the larger towns. London was an exception to this, however, for, in the Capital, Labour increased its existing majority, and it is now in control of 17 of the 28 London boroughs.

There are various peculiarities about the Municipal elections, compared with the Parliamentary elections. There is a lack of uniformity in the composition of the local councils. In the provinces, for example, one-third of the members of the councils retire annually and consequently there are annual elections, whereas in London all the members of the councils retire every third year and the elections are therefore held only once in three years. This year the London elections were held at the same time as the other municipal elections throughout the country, at the beginning of November, and there were about 3,000 candidates for the 1,377 London seats. From one point of view, the London elections are therefore of greater importance than the provincial ones, and they arouse a correspondingly greater interest.

This question of public interest is another subject for speculation and enquiry. It is well-known that the local elections create much less public interest than the Parliamentary elections. There is not the same tense popular feeling and excitement. Many observers have commented that this is strange in view of the fact that local government so closely affects the health and general well-being of the community. Parliament makes the country's laws, but the local councils are largely responsible for their administration. Public health services,

THIS year the Hongkong Christmas air mail will arrive in England five days before Christmas, having taken a steady (but certain) nine days for the trip. Let us follow a letter from start to finish.

The mail left the Head Post Office in Des Voeux Road and went by lorry to Kai Tak Aerodrome, about ten miles from

How The Christmas Air Mail Goes Home

the centre of the town. Here it was loaded into a D.H. Airliner of the Diana type, a machine powered with four Gipsy engines.

The route from Hongkong, is westward bound to Penang, the first stop 800 odd miles away. The route from Penang to Bangkok crosses the high mountains of Siam and Lower Burma. After taking off from Bangkok and climbing over the tops of more mountains, four hours later the Imperial Airways machine—as it is now—arrives at Rangoon—a wonderful city easily distinguishable from far away by its towering pagoda.

Dangerous Hills

FROM Rangoon the direction is westward across the Irawadi delta, and then by way of Bassein to the coast of Burma. The hills between Rangoon and Akyab are high and dangerous.

After Akyab the next stopping-place is Calcutta, 300 odd miles farther on and the end of the sixth day's journey.

The arrival at Dum Dum Aerodrome is in the evening, ready to start, early the next morning, a flight practically across India, Calcutta to Jodhpore is a distance of over 1,100 miles.

Passing to the westward of Benares, the next call is Allahabad, on the great Ganges river. It is not possible to stop here long as Cawnpore and Delhi have to be visited before the journey's end on the seventh day is reached.

Cawnpore, 100 miles from Allahabad, is also on the Ganges,

housing, education, road maintenance, public assistance and a host of other services depend upon the local authorities for their efficient administration. One authority recently estimated that local government administration in Great Britain is now responsible for an annual expenditure of about £530,000,000.

Perhaps the fact that there is no single issue before the electors as a whole is responsible for the lack of excitement during the municipal elections. In Liverpool, for example, Labour lost eight seats for quite other reasons than those responsible for its loss of six seats in Bolton, another Lancashire town. Frequently a number of the items on the party programmes involve no great difference in fundamental principles. This year there was a striking similarity between the claims of some rival candidates, what differences there were being mainly concerned with proposed methods of dealing with certain problems, or in the emphasis laid upon different parts of a scheme under discussion, or already decided upon.

Indeed, an outstanding feature of this year's elections was the convincing statement which each party was able to make about the progress of reformist measures for which it was responsible. Both parties have made strenuous efforts to further the Government's policy in regard to housing, slum clearance, and public health measures. While enthusiastic party supporters would therefore do their utmost to win, those with no strong party ties—those who form the bulk of the electorate and whose votes consequently decide the issue—no doubt felt confident that neither party would shirk responsibilities in regard to efficient local government.

The mail plane arrives at Croydon



CHRISTMAS Under Eastern Skies

"MELLY KLIMAS!" Amah stands beaming in the doorway on Christmas morning with a large cheerful "good joss" red paper. It contains, mercifully, only coat-hangers, which she has covered herself. We breathe again, remembering last Christmas, when she produced a large pink satin cushion adorned with a pen painting of a purple-faced child leaning against a sky-blue dog. It was the work of a niece, unfortunately achieving a Western education, and it was so terrible that it still lives in the drying room. Our excuse for housing it there is our fear that "if leave outside can spoil!" Heaven forgive us.

In our "outpost of Empire" as home orators love to describe it, Christmas has a flavour all its own. Although we are placed two degrees in the tropics, it is cold at Christmas time, and fur coats are seen in church on Christmas Day. Consequently, one does not feel that aversion to plum pudding and mince pie which comes to one in the steamy heat of places uncomfortably near the Equator. Moreover, the Chinese cooks are adepts in providing good fare. They would not produce, a more or less calcined turkey crouching grimly on the dish with its head still attached. "Boy," cried horrified hostess. "Why cook burning so much? Why" (Continued on Page 7.)

the realisation that home and England is really getting nearer.

The sixth day sees your Christmas letter travelling over the Euphrates river and the deserts of Iraq to Gaza, in Palestine, and then to Alexandria, in Egypt. Here, at last, is an almost neighbourly sea. The Mediterranean, crossed by flying boat on the following day.

First to the Island of Crete and then on to Athens. The sea has a colour quite different from that of the Persian Gulf and the muddy waves of the Hoogli or the Irawadi. Different, too, from the rich blueness of the seas in the Dutch East Indies.

This rapid homecoming is strange. Western civilisation is in such direct contrast to the East.

From Athens to Brindisi the mail plane flies up the Gulf of Corinth—with high mountains on either side—through a valley at its western end, and via Corfu to Brindisi. Here, at present the aeroplane journey ends temporarily, although next year things will be different and there will be an all-air route.

The Last Lap

YOUR Hongkong Christmas card will now spend two nights in the Brindisi-Paris train, being brought early

on the morning of its last day to Le Bourget Airport. Then into the air once again to fly over the two hundred miles or so to its journey's end.

There is an undefinable thrill of achievement when the English Channel is crossed. A greater thrill still when aeroplane wheels touch Croydon aerodrome's surface and the flight is over.

Hongkong has been left almost in summer halfway across the world—yet here is your greeting in England the day before Christmas and in the middle of our English winter.

Your message has been flown across seas, deserts, rice fields, mountains, strange cities and stranger people, to arrive bringing seasonal greetings home from the outposts of the Empire to the Motherland.

The World's Greatest Ghost Story

By Lewis Spence

AFTER perusing thousands of ghost stories, I have come to the conclusion that the tale which deals with the apothecary of Crossen opens up possibilities of horror more potent than any conceived by Dr. James or Mr. Algernon Blackwood.

Indeed, though it purports to be fact, it bears a distinct resemblance to more than one of the "Ghost Stories of an Antiquary." In its atmosphere of dreadful reality it transcends, I think, the artificial weirdness of mere fiction.

We have the most excellent vouchers for its truth. The earliest is George Sinclair, Professor of Philosophy at Glasgow from 1654 to 1690, a famous mathematician of his day, and an authority on the commercial values of coal.

It is included in the collection of occult records published by him at Edinburgh in 166, and it was copied by Joseph Glanville, Chaplain to King Charles II, in his volume on witchcraft, "Sadducismus Triumphatus," as an important part of the evidence for human immortality. But the excitement it aroused in Silesia made it a subject for dispute in the University of Leipzig, where its details were debated with the greatest warmth and acumen.

In the spring of the year 1659, says Sinclair, one Christopher Monnik, resident assistant to an apothecary in the small town of Crossen, in Silesia, died, and was buried according to the rites of the Lutheran Church. A few days after his interment he appeared at his master's shop in his usual habit and mien, and began to busy himself in the tasks he had pursued during his life, compounding drugs, making up prescriptions, and serving customers at the counter.

It so happened that his employer, the apothecary, was at that time suffering from a severe attack of gout, and was in no condition to make inquiries into his assistant's strange reappearance. His fellow employees, however, who were fully aware of his death and burial, were wholly terrified at first, but as

Monnik displayed none of the usual signs associated with ghostly apparitions and seemed perfectly natural in his manner and look, except for a certain ghastliness of visage, they concluded that he had been restored to life by medical aid.

Scores of people, patronising the apothecary's shop for drugs and cosmetics, saw and spoke to Monnik and observed nothing very unusual about him. He certainly revealed a strange impatience with his master, who, in the throes of a gouty seizure, was scarcely competent to attend to his business.

Monnik, it is said, snatched prescriptions from his hand in the rudest manner, and made them up himself. But it was particularly noticed that he could not bear the light of a candle, which he always placed behind the stove.

After a day or so of this kind of thing he took an old cask which hung up in the shop, donned it, and sallied out into the streets. He visited several houses, where he had formerly been known, to the terror of their occupants, but spoke to nobody. On his way back to the apothecary's he met a servant maid whom he had known, and to whom he spoke. He asked her to go to his master's house and dig in one of the cellars, where she would find a treasure of great value.

The girl, who was fully aware of his death, swooned away in sheer fright. He raised her from the pavement, and when she had sufficiently recovered she made the best of her way home, where she again collapsed. But she told the apothecary of the meeting and the cellar was searched, but at that was found there was an old pot containing a single blood-stone.

Crossen was now in a ferment. The grim story of these extraordinary happenings circulated through the place with the rapidity of wildfire, and the authorities resolved to take

action. The Princess Elizabeth Charlotte, who then acted as the town's chief Magistrate, gave orders for the exhumation of Monnik's body, which was found to be in an advanced state of decomposition. The apothecary was advised to remove the young man's possessions, his clothes and linen, out of the house, and this was done. From that moment nothing more was seen of Monnik, either in bodily or astral shape.

"Some people now believe," adds Sinclair, "will take their oath upon it that they well remember they saw him after decease, and the thing being so notorious, there was instituted a public disputation about it in the Academy of Leipzig by one, Henry Conrad, who disputed for his doctor's degree in the University."

The circumstances were communicated to Sinclair by the learned Anthony Horneck, D.D., a famous Dutch theologian, whose treatises on witchcraft are well known. But there is one aspect of it—a folklore aspect—which I should like to stress.

Silesia, where all this took place, is well within that region where the belief in vampires held sway until a few generations ago.

The idea that certain persons remained after death in a dead-alive condition and were capable of leaving their places of burial in the corporeal state was at the period in question a far-flung superstition in that part of Europe embraced by Bohemia, Hungary, Russia, and the Balkan States. It is clear, too, that his work as an apothecary had led Monnik to the study of alchemy, as the discovery of the goblet containing the bloodstone reveals.

Post mortem appearances are almost invariably associated with some overwhelming life ambition. "The ruling spirit strong in death." Was the soul of the hapless apothecary vexed by the notion that some formula he thought he had discovered for the making of gold might be lost, and did he try to take measures to avert that? Whatever the explanation, the whole incident appeals to me, as I have said, as "the world's greatest ghost story."

Britain Recognises Only Legitimate Regime

WON'T ACCEPT USURPATION OF CHINA'S RIGHTS

EDEN HAS NO REPORTS OF INVASION DANGER IN H.K.

London, Dec. 20.

Questions regarding the administration of the Chinese Customs were asked in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) enquired if it might be assumed that the British Government did not intend to recognise the assumption by Japanese authorities or by alleged Chinese authorities of the rights belonging to the legitimate Chinese Government.

Mr. Anthony Eden (Foreign Secretary) in reply said: "I should prefer to see that on the Paper, but I think the answer is Yes."

Replying to another question about the situation in Hongkong caused by the extension of Japanese hostilities, Mr. Eden said he understood arrangements were being made to cope with an influx of refugees if the hostilities reach Canton and the neighbourhood.

Mr. A. V. Alexander (Lib.) asked if Mr. Eden would arrange that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, should make a statement early in to-morrow's foreign affairs debate about the present position which they feared that he did not know what Mr. Alexander meant, and added: "Our own attitude in respect to Hongkong has been made quite clear in my replies during the last few days."

Mr. Alexander asked if it were not the case that reports about a contemplated invasion of South China with a view to encircling that part of the coast?

Mr. Eden replied: "Let us be quite clear about this. I am sure Mr. Alexander does not mean a contemplated invasion of Hongkong. I have heard no reports of that kind at all."—*Reuter*.

ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 20. Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) asked Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day to give an assurance that the Government would in no way recognise the provisional Government installed in Peking by the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Eden replied that the British Government recognises the Central Government as the government of all China. There was, therefore, no question of recognising the new administration.—*Reuter*.

Close Watch On Philippines

U.S. Now Considers Independence In Light Of Hostilities

Washington, Dec. 20. Mr. John van Antwerp MacMurray, accompanied by Mr. Sumner Welles, had a conference with President Roosevelt to-day, and confirmed the growing impression in official circles that the future of the Philippines policy heretofore will be considered and directed by the highest officials, and eventually decided by the Cabinet.

The Philippines problem, including independence and the future disposition of the country, was apparently becoming integrated with the critical Orient situation, and State Department officials have decided that the problem will need very careful study and handling both politically and economically.

Observers recalled that Mr. MacMurray's first official conference after his return to Washington was with Mr. Welles, who ordinarily is not concerned with Philippines affairs. The fact that Mr. MacMurray conferred with Mr. Welles before the conference with President Roosevelt strongly indicated that the Philippines problem was now envisaged from a broad Pacific viewpoint.

Mr. Welles, Mr. Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt are now considered to be the triumvirate mapping American foreign policy regarding the Orient which at present is the principal international problem. The fact that President Roosevelt, Mr. Welles and Mr. MacMurray conferred on "general ideas" has indicated that the main focus of interest is diplomatic and political, instead of economic.—*United Press*.

BRITAIN BLANKETED BY FOG

London, Dec. 20. London this morning was ringed by fog and most of the roads were ice-bound. Shipping in the Thames was blanketed by fog, which extends westward to Bristol and northward to Glasgow.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA WON'T YET WITHDRAW

But Recall Of Ships And Citizens From Orient Considered Panay Incident Settlement

May Take Days

Washington, Dec. 20.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State, said to-day that the Government had long expected to withdraw American ships and citizens from the Far East "when their appropriate functions are no longer called for", but "the present does not seem an opportune moment."

Mr. Hull added that the degree of protection a Government should afford its citizens abroad presented many difficulties, and resulted in many conflicts in opinion. Pointing out that during a century certain rights and interests had developed in the Far East, Mr. Hull said the American Government could not suddenly disavow its obligations and responsibilities.

The State Secretary declared that the situation arising from the Panay incident could not be settled for some days as the United States Naval Board of Enquiry was making a fully detailed report which probably would not be handed to the Washington authorities for several days.

Authoritative circles are of the opinion that Japan will reply to the American Note until the Naval Board has completed its enquiry as the basis of the Board's report, might wish to implement the representations already made.—*Reuter*.

WANTS SURVEY

Washington, Dec. 20. A resolution has been introduced in Congress requesting the State Department to make a survey of American interests in China, including the approximate number of Americans in China.

It is suggested that the numbers of officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marines in China be made known, and the approximate amount of capital invested, together with the names of the principal investors.—*United Press*.

School Boys Put On Fine Display

Mr. R. A. C. North Gives Banners

Smart physical training exercises were given by vernacular school-boys on the Kowloon F.C. ground this morning during the finals of the Physical Training Competition.

Teams from 12 Hongkong schools participated in the elimination trials held on the Hongkong F.C. ground yesterday. Of these, two, the Dun Man and the Tung Wah Schools, were selected to take part in the finals.

This morning, nine Kowloon teams competed for the right to compete in the final stage and the Hongkong School was selected.

There was a large attendance at the finals, amongst those present being the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. W. Kay (Director of Education), Mr. Y. P. Law (Inspector of Vernacular Schools), Mr. J. B. Morahan (Superintendent of Physical Training), Mr. C. J. Solis (Inspector of English Schools), Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Headmaster of King's College), and Mr. S. W. Liang (Inspector of Vernacular Schools).

The three finalists went through their paces before the large gathering, demonstrating the great care that has been taken by the instructors to teach the boys the benefit of physical exercise. Ruddy cheeks and happy faces this morning testified to the popularity of the training.

Between breaks in the competition, Ying Wah boys and instructors of Government schools gave displays.

PRIZE AWARDED

After the displays, the Judges (Messrs. Morahan, Solis and Law) awarded the first prize (Mr. W. Kay's banner) to the Dun Man School, and the second prize (Mr. Law's banner) to the Chung Wah School.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Kay apologised for the absence of the Governor, His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who had intended to be present. His Excellency's place had been taken by the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, who had kindly consented to present the banners to the successful schools.

In conclusion, Mr. Kay thanked all those who had made the competition a success, and the Hongkong F.C. and the Kowloon F.C. for the use of their grounds.

Bail of \$50 was estimated when Chin Ping, 45, unemployed, failed to appear before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning. The defendant was charged with the possession of non-government opium at 29 Jervois Street yesterday.

Ambassador To China Appointed

Wounded Diplomat Not Returning

Sir Archibald Kerr Coming

London, Dec. 20.

The Foreign Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr to be Ambassador in China in place of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who it has been decided, will not return to China, but will be recommended for another post in due course.

It had been hoped that it would be possible to leave the Embassy in China in the charge of Mr. R. G. Howe until Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen was able to return to China in the spring, but recent events in the Far East, coupled with the uncertainty of the actual date, by which Sir Hugh would be able to return to duty, made it necessary for the matter to be re-examined.

It is now considered, despite the complete confidence felt in Mr. Howe, that it is essential that His Majesty's Government should be represented in China by a diplomat of Ambassadorial rank, and arrangements for this should be made with the least possible delay.—*Reuter*.

CHRISTMAS UNDER EASTERN SKIES

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having head?" The boy went off to inquire. He returned bland and smiling, "Cook says some master very much liking turkey head."

A further disaster followed. The hostess, newly out from home, had ignorantly made "hard sauce" to accompany the plum pudding. She had put it in the ice-chest after showing it proudly to the boy. The boy, however, had found the cook. Consequently when the plum pudding—out of a tin and therefore edible—appeared, there was no sign of the hard sauce, only a hot brownish viscous fluid in a sauceboat.

"Boy," cried the agonised hostess, "Where that sauce I make?" "I asking cook," replied the boy. He disappeared. "That cook saying," he thinking you like him making their sauce nice hot for you." The Eastern servant's power of excuse-making is astounding.

To Hongkong in clear, sunny, cold weather, Christmas comes in its most cheerful aspect. Men, women and children, thrown together, thousands of miles from home, make up their minds to enjoy themselves. Local conditions produce special incidents.

The first harbingers of Christmas are a hum from the compradore—a poor return for the exorbitant charges extending over a twelve-month; a basket of oranges from the somewhat less rapacious fruit seller; and several welcome gifts of tea, dried lichens and ginger from kind Chinese friends.

It was our first Christmas in Hongkong, and I was immersed in the receipt and despatch of presents, when the boy, Ah Choy, announced: "The Indian Guard ask see lady." "Oh dear," I groaned looking at a table laden with coloured paper, tags, coloured string. "Well, I suppose I must see them. Show them in, Ah Choy."

Three stalwart Sikhs, turbaned, khaki-clad, stalked into the room preceded by an astonishing gurgling noise. "What on earth—" Before I could finish my sentence the first guard held out a large live turkey, struggling and gobbling. The second produced a highly-coloured handkerchief and the third a large basket of flowers, together with three Christmas cards, obviously all alike. "For Sahib," said the first guard. "How very kind," I murmured. "Thank you so much," at the same time slipping out a large live turkey, struggling and gobbling. The second produced a highly-coloured handkerchief and the third a large basket of flowers, together with three Christmas cards, obviously all alike. "For Sahib," said the first guard. "How very kind," I murmured. "Thank you so much," at the same time slipping out a large live turkey, struggling and gobbling. 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SPECIAL NOTICE

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Additional advertising required for Friday, must be booked not later than noon on the 23rd instant.

UNDERGRADS BEATEN AT BADMINTON CLOSE VICTORY SCORED BY CHINESE "Y"

UNAVAILING EFFORT BY K. L. YONG & P. K. HUI

(By "Abc")

University "A", last season's champions, suffered their first defeat in the present Men's Doubles badminton League last night when they visited the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and were beaten by the odd game in nine. The issue was open until the last encounter of the evening.

It was an interesting match to watch as some very fine badminton was served up. The home team deserved to win because they were the better-balanced side; their third pair managed to win a game and this made all the difference to the result of the whole match.

University's defeat has thus strengthened the hand of the Club de Recreio "A", who were not engaged last night owing to the last-minute cancellation of their fixture with University "B". However, if the undergraduates manage to beat the Portuguese players, the three leading teams will be on level terms again.

I do not know whether the undergraduates were under-estimating the Chinese "Y" or not, but they certainly were asking for trouble. The team they turned out was far from representative of their full strength and it was not surprising at all that they were beaten. One of their players, C. K. Lee, was suffering from a sprained ankle and yet he was allowed to participate in such an important fixture. As to be expected, he was unable to do himself justice, being unable to run about the court. His partner, C. O. Lee, was looking far from fit. The upshot was that the "Y" were presented with three games.

To make the situation more puzzling, C. H. Soon, K. S. Liew and P. E. Tan, three former stalwarts, were present at the match, merely holding a watching brief over the whole proceedings. I feel certain that had any two of these three played in place of the two Lee's, the result would have been different. As it was, the gallant attempt of K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui to save the side proved unavailing. This was a pity because the magnificent play of this pair deserved a better fate; certainly they deserved better support from their teammates. They won all three games, and yet the side was beaten 5-4.

T. F. Yong and P. K. Chen started impressively enough, but were badly beaten by P. H. Wong and C. E. Chang. They never quite recovered from the shock and eventually had to go down to Y. C. Au and F. Koh in the third set.

Yong and Hui were at their best in their last game against Koh and Hui, whom they beat by 21-10, though it was when they were up against Wong and Ching in the first game of the evening that exchanges were the most even.

The undergraduates led 2-1 at the end of the first round, but the scores were levelled at 3-3 at the end of the second. Then Yong and Hui gave the University the lead again by beating Koh and Hui, Wong and Ching, as expected, defeated the two Lee's for the equaliser, and everything depended on the final game between Au and Koh, of the Y.M.C.A. and Yong and Chen of the University. A close tussle seemed imminent, but the undergraduates were disappointing and were badly beaten, succeeding in collecting only four aces. They apparently had not been able to get over the shock which Wong and Ching gave them in the previous round when the "Y" pair won 13 aces in a row on Ching's first service!

Scores: H. Wong and C. E. Ching (Y.M.C.A.) lost to K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui 13-21; beat C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee 21-7; Y. C. Au and F. Koh lost to Yong and Hui 10-21; beat Lee and Lee 21-10; beat Yong and Chen 21-4.

H. Koh and S. Y. Hon lost to Yong and Hui 12-21; beat Lee and Lee 21-17; lost to Yong and Chen 14-21.

The Club de Recreio "A" were given a walk-over by the University "B", and King's College defeated the

Club de Recreio "B" at King's Park by five games to four.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	0	32	4	8
Chinese "Y"	5	4	1	0	31	14	8
University "A"	4	3	1	0	20	7	0
King's College	4	2	2	0	15	21	4
Recreio "B"	5	1	4	0	14	31	2
University "B"	5	1	4	0	13	32	2
St. Andrew's	5	1	4	0	10	35	2

SCOTTISH SOCCER DRAW First Round Of Cup

The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, which will be played on January 22:

Clyde	v.	Motherwell
Rathfriland	v.	Montrose
Queen's Park	v.	Glasgow
Falkirk	v.	Dunfermline
Cowdenbeath	v.	Brechin City
Churnside	v.	Ross County
Penicuik Ath.	v.	King's Park
Bo'ness	v.	Hamilton
Kilmarnock	v.	Dumbarton
Third Lanark	v.	Celtic
Stranraer	v.	Partick
Dunfermline	v.	St. Mirren
Morton	v.	Peterhead
St. Johnstone	v.	Arbroath
Albion R.	v.	Dundee
Ayr U.	v.	East Stirling
Dundee U.	v.	Hearts
Stenmuir	v.	Bathcock and Wilcox
Queen O'Sh.	v.	Leith
Moorepark	v.	Lambert
Amateurs	v.	Amateurs
Edinburgh C.	v.	Edinburgh
Elgin C.	v.	Elgin
Alloa	v.	Blairgowrie
	v.	Glasgow Rangers
St. Bernard's	v.	Vale O'Leithen
Huntley	v.	Nithsdale
Airdrieonians	v.	East Fife

F.A. REPLAY

London, Dec. 20. The following was the result of an F.A. Cup second round replay: New Brighton 4 Crewe 1. —Reuter.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

New Organisation To Aid Relief Association

A softball meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday to discuss the formation of an International Softball League, to start in January. Mr. George Chow presided.

Mr. R. Lau proposed the League be sponsored and organised by the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, and the gate proceeds to be donated to this Association.

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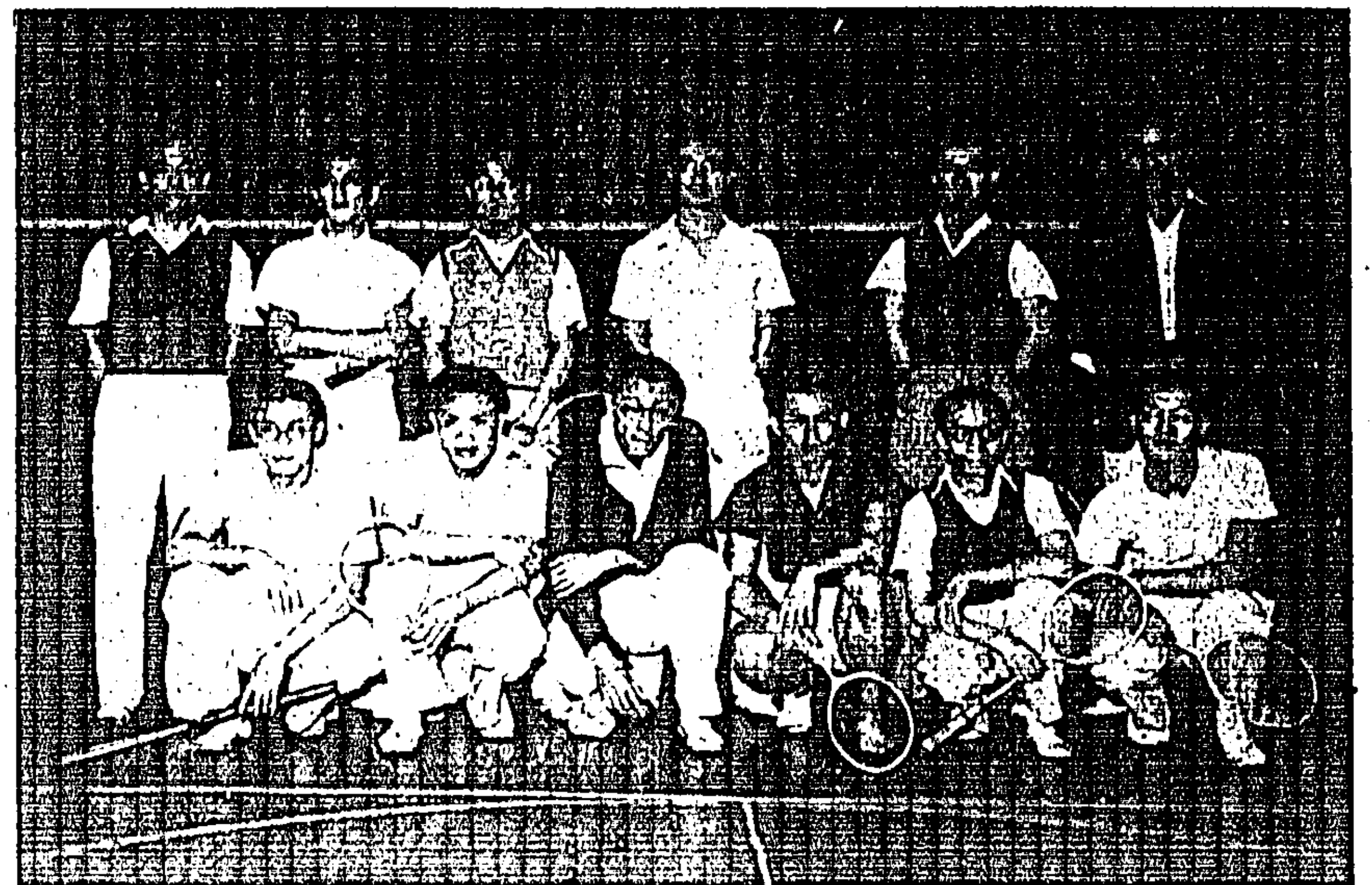
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Above are the players who took part in the "A" Division badminton match between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the University "A" on the former's court. Front Row (left to right)—K. L. Yong, P. K. Hui, C. O. Lee, S. Y. Hon, H. Koh and F. Koh. Back Row (left to right)—C. K. Lee, P. K. Chen, C. E. Ching, P. H. Wong, Y. C. Au and T. F. Yong. The "Y" won by five games to four. —Photo Ming Yuen.

CRICKET NOTES

BY "R. ABBIT"

Pearce's Dazzling 151 Against The Navy Glut Of Runs Made Last Week-End

There was a lot of cricket over the week-end and a great many runs were made. Alec Pearce, after his long golfing holiday, returned to the Club side in amazing form, and Owen Hughes also seemed to have benefited by the change! The result was that the Club, after winning the toss, hit up a very large score against the Navy in a very short time.

Hayward and Kilbee opened the innings on a very dead wicket. The rain which had fallen some days before had left the ground a bit slippery—I fancy there had been a certain amount of watering as well—and the Navy who have got into the habit on their matting wickets of playing in rubber soles rather slid about a bit. Sawdust was called for after (as I heard) Kyrie had slipped in putting down the first ball and had pulled a muscle slightly. The score had reached 25 when Hayward who had hooked Kyrie nicely to the leg boundary on two occasions was bowled by a good 'un that kept low. Kyrie only sent the five overs and the wicket did not suit him. With T. A. Pearce in the Club began to score at a tremendous pace. Bowling changes had no effect and Kilbee hit a glorious six to square leg off Byng's first over which brought 10 runs in all. Pearce completed his fifty in 27 minutes and just after Whitmarsh had Kilbee caught—at the second attempt—by Carless near the screen, 108-2-37. Kilbee had hit five fives beside his six.

A BIG STAND

With Owen Hughes in, Pearce continued to score very fast indeed. Actually the Club's first fifty runs took twenty-eight minutes, the second fifteen minutes, the third twenty-four minutes and the fourth sixteen minutes. In all they batted ninety-six minutes for 237 runs—one of the fastest bits of scoring over a longish period that there has been on the Club Ground for many a long day.

Pearce gave no chance until he had scored his century when he was "dropped" off a "hard" chance to mid-on. In the last over he also gave a very hard chance to the bowler. He hit twenty-five fours and two sixes, each of them a big on-drive, one off Cotman and the other off Pugh. He also ran some very quick ones with Owen Hughes who did not get anything like a fair share of the bowling when he was at the wickets and only had two fours in his 31 not out. The Navy went in to bat at 4 p.m. and A. B. Smith and Skelton opened to Swain (at the Yard end) and Owen Hughes. At 6 Smith went and four runs later Hayward took a one-

handed catch in the slips to send back Walters who had been dropped in the gully the ball before. The Navy seemed a bit overcome by the big score against them and things did not go well. Cotman was easily caught in the slips at 21 and Skelton soon went. Pugh and Ogilvie then made a bit of a stand and the latter played one lovely shot through the covers off his back foot—a pet shot of Hammond's by the way. Fifty runs came in 48 minutes and then more disaster came. Ogilvie was most unluckily stumped when the ball rebounded from Fox's pads (72-5-32), while at the same total Pugh was both caught at the wicket and stumped—a conclusive dismissal!

A CLOSE THING

For some reason or other Whitmarsh kept himself back until number ten—and I rather think the game could have been saved had he gone in earlier. Carless and Kyrie did not stay very long, but Byng and Whitmarsh held on for a good time for the ninth wicket. After Byng was l.b.w. to Pearce (127-8-7) Whitmarsh tried to keep the bowling but failed a couple of runs later and Pearce bowled Wood with the first ball of the last over—with only a minute more to go. Whitmarsh played an excellent knock for 36 not out. Owen Hughes bowled well to take 5 wickets for 34 runs.

A NEW YEAR GAME

I don't think the Club will have it quite so much their own way at the New Year Triangular Tournament game. Commander Boucher will in all probability be back to look after the side and I imagine there will be one or two people up from the second eleven which on that day has only a friendly with the I.R.C. I am told that Fynn does not come off against (Continued on Page 9.)

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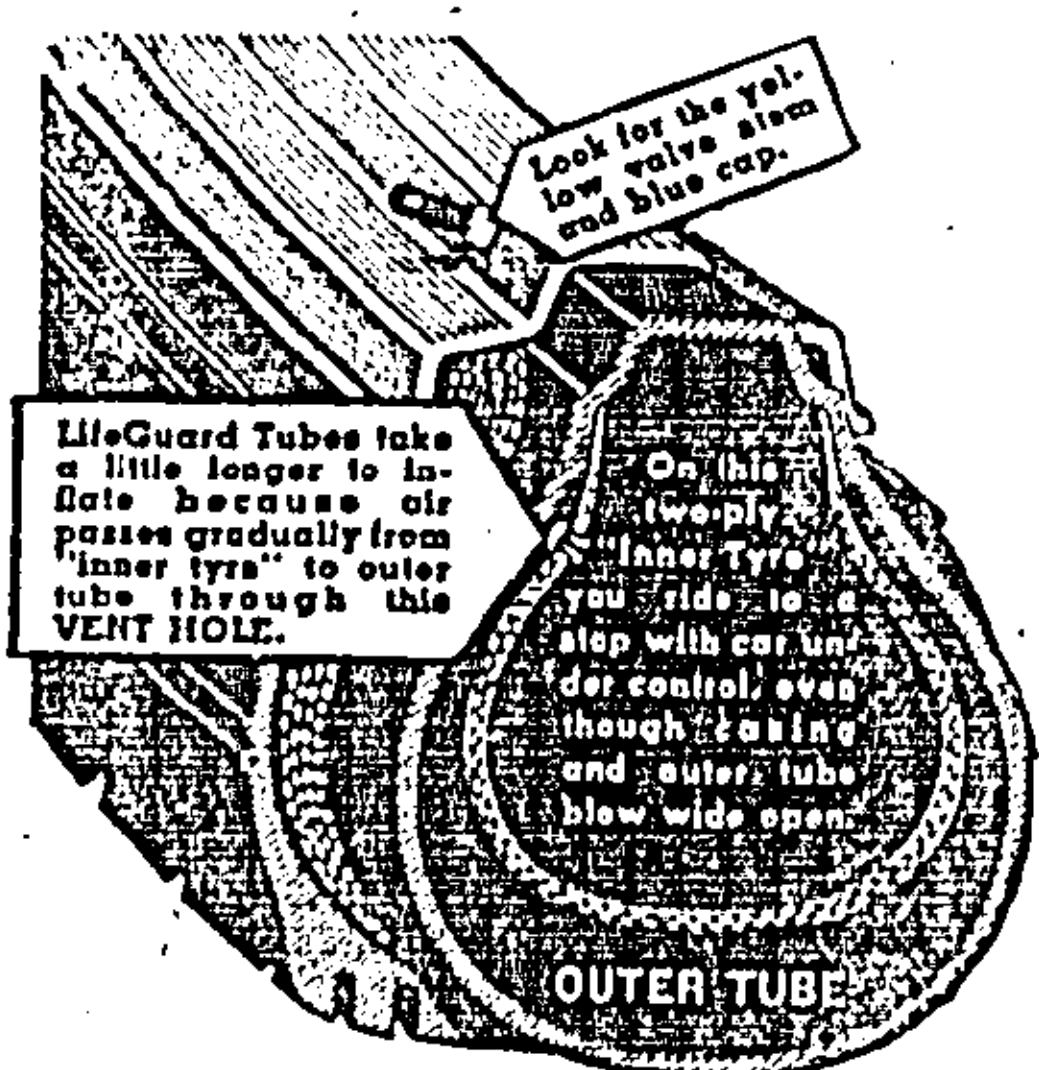
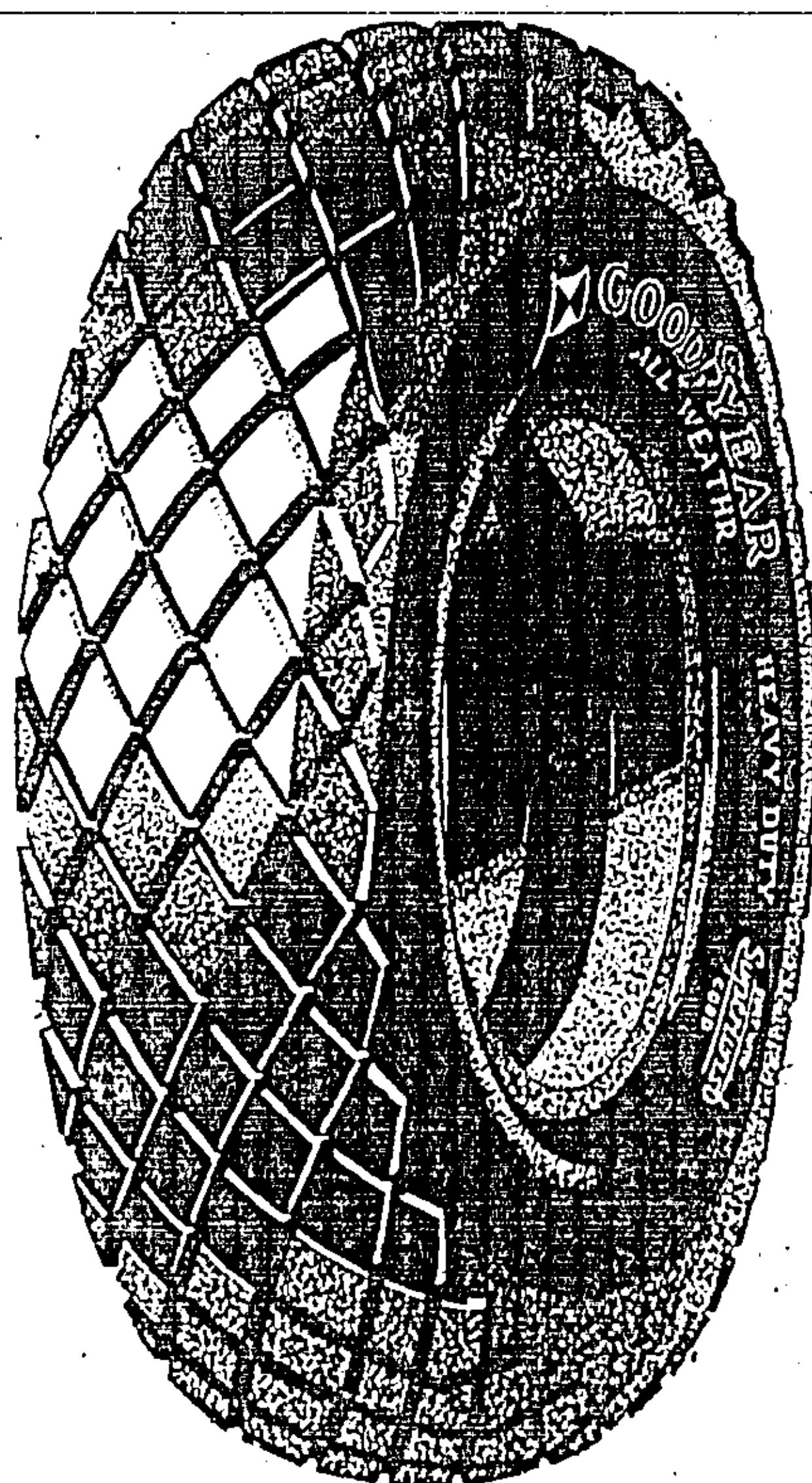
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good bowling but I confess I should like to see him tried.

AN EXCITING FINISH

I cannot hold over a note on the match between the C.S.C. and Army "B." I said last week that if they only had some batting I'd back the C.S. on the strength of their bowlers who are not doing too badly this year. It seems that H. F. Westlake has returned to the fold and a thirty by him raised the score to but one short of the century. It was touch and go but Robertson, MacGowan and Westlake did all their stuff and thanks to the stumper only allowing one extra—a leg bye I believe—they got home by two runs. Having battled so gamely in the face of innumerable defeats it is pleasant to see things come their way a bit.

On Sunday there was a most pleasant and amusing game on the H.M.S.C. ground between a team captained by Pymester, Lieut. Commander Nicholson and A. W. Hayward's eleven. Actually the visiting team was two short, but that did not seem to interfere with the enjoyment of the game. Nicholson's team batted first and reached a total of 150 runs. Hayward scored freely as usual. Hayward apparently makes a point of bowling on Sundays and took two for 27.

DISASTROUS START

When the visitors went in they had a disastrous start as Wooding went to glance Allen to leg but was so early that when the ball arrived it hit the back of his head and popped up for an easy chance to the wicket-keeper. Lt. Walters joined Nelson and for a time it looked as if there was going to be a stand. The new comer cracked Allen to square leg for four, all run, and Nelson looked as if he might as well down as he was playing some quite nice shots. He made a beautiful cut behind point which went very fast to the boundary, but next over he was palpably caught at the wicket off Rankin 12-2-7. Colville (of H.M.S. Adventure) then came in. I think I have seen him batting last season though I may be wrong. He started excellently but after he brought off a beautiful square cut for four off Allen, he was clean bowled by the next ball—17-4. Hayward then went in amidst general applause from the distinguished gathering that was watching the game and he glanced his first ball to fine leg for a couple. On his arrival Nicholson promptly went on to bowl with high-tossed donkeydrops, which Hayward treated with the most disdainful consideration, scoring a couple of singles in the over. Studholme bowled at the other end and Hayward played six balls, but the last one of them drew an appeal which was rejected against the batsman. Actually in the Pavilion I heard the click of the bat touching the ball before there was the duller noise of the impact of the ball on his pads. However, both the bowler and the umpire were genuinely of opinion that he missed it completely. The score was then taken with the score at 23-4-4.

After tea Cotman and Allen bowled to Walters and Baker. Both players settled down and Walters especially was playing some very pretty shots on the off all along the

carpet. The score rolled until the fifty was past when Walters tried to pull a full toss from Whitmarsh and was clean bowled—37-6-31, a very nice innings. Wallington then came in and really played remarkably good cricket considering the fact that he has not played anything but an occasional Varsity match for some years. He was particularly good in his drive past extra cover and was very severe on some of Nicholson's full tosses. Baker curiously enough completely failed to deal with them though otherwise he was batting nicely. The stand was invaluable and it was not until the score had reached 100 that Wallington was bowled by Allen—109-6-20. The shades of night were falling fast when Smyth was bowled, but Bakker, who had neglected his white umpire coat for the disguise of an operative cricketer, put up a gallant rear-guard action and stayed long enough to save Mr. R. Abbit, in no disguise whatever except a pair of batting gloves, from having to endeavour to play an innings in a game in which he had not fielded!

TREAT FOR GALLERY

The match appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by the players. The gallery certainly had a great treat. After some experience with Clive Garthwaite's Sheila, I have definitely come to the conclusion that the so-called spaniels are far the best dogs to watch cricket. An Alsatian, however friendly she may be, is comparatively useless either as a rug or a foot-warmer and it was very cold! I have almost forgotten to mention the excellent first ball sent down by Cotman after tea which clean bowled Walters. As someone rudely put it, if Shorty could bowl as well with a cricket ball as he can with a potato, there would be no holding him. We understand Walters is gradually recovering from the shock.

**RUGGERITES
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ARMY UNIT**

London, Nov. 21. The Rugby Football Union are giving their unanimous support to the scheme put forward at a meeting of London club representatives at the War Office last week for the formation of a Rugby footballers' unit of the Territorial Army—a complete, self-contained company recruited from the Rugby clubs in the London area.

The company will form part of the 33rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, with headquarters at Regent's Park, where there will be full facilities for social and training activities.

Major-General B. A. Hill, president of the Rugby Union, who attended the meeting with Engineer-Commander S. F. Cooper, the secretary, said he had brought the matter before his committee, who had decided to pledge their assistance in every way possible.

The scheme is to be explained to individual clubs by War Office officials. All the London clubs—not only those represented at the meeting—are invited to co-operate.

**WITNESS HOLDS
SNATCHER**

Wong Sui-cheung, 32, unemployed, was remanded for twenty-four hours to see if fit for caning, when he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing of one handbag containing 90 cents at Cleveley Street.

Inspector Fender said that about 7.30 p.m. yesterday, the complainant was going up Cleveley Street when the defendant came up from behind and snatched her handbag. The defendant was arrested by a witness, Chan Hing, and handed over to a policeman.

Chan Yan, 22, unemployed, was similarly remanded when he appeared. He snatched a hand bag valued at \$3 and containing \$1.45 in money. Defendant was chased by a pedestrian and later taken to the police station.

**REMEDIOS AGAIN
REMANDED**

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning Mr. K. Keen formally remanded the case of attempted incest against Alvaro Antonio de Souza Remedios, aged 38, book-keeper, of Waterloo Road, Kowloon, for another week. The case is for commitment to the Criminal Sessions.

Representing defendant, Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho asked for bail to be granted, and \$1,000 was the amount fixed by Mr. Keen.

Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham represented the Police.

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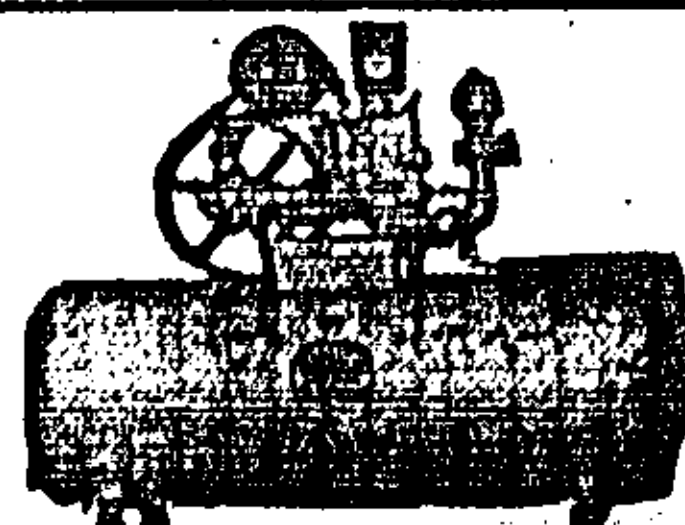
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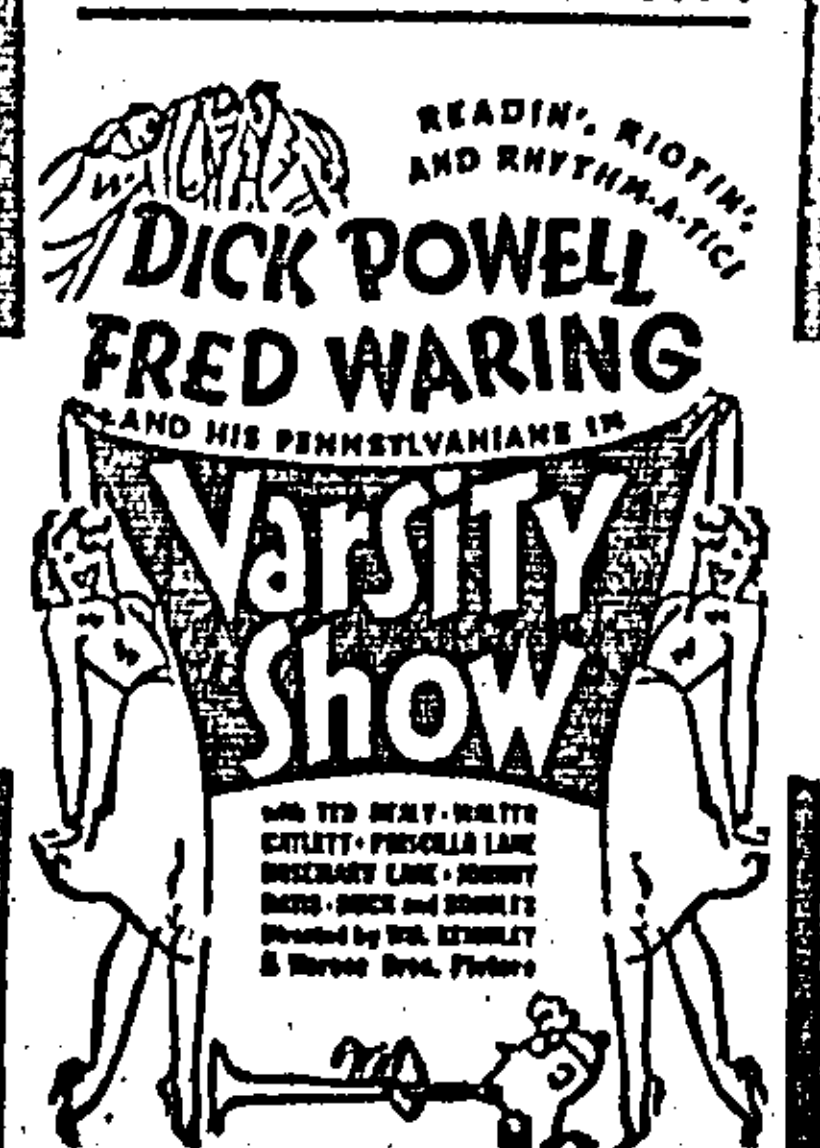
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REFUGEE SITUATION EASIER

Report From S'hai Authorities

London, Dec. 20. According to most recent reports there were about a quarter of a million refugees in Nantao, Shanghai, at the beginning of the month, 100,000 in the International Settlement and 50,000 in French Concession, said Mr. Anthony Eden, British Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

As far as the Settlement and French Concession were concerned, the refugees were housed in camps. Recently the situation was reported to be easier.—*Reuter*.

CAPE TOWN MAY BE HELD UP
 Hankow, Dec. 21. H.M.S. Capetown which left here on Saturday with one man, 21 women and 28 children, arrived at Wuhu yesterday morning, and will resume her journey to-day.

It is possible there will not be sufficient water at the breach in the Klangyin boom to allow the Capetown, which draws 17½ feet, to pass through. In this event the civilian passengers must be transferred to a smaller ship in order to complete the journey to Shanghai.

Should the Capetown be unable to pass the Klangyin boom, she will be cut off, not only from Shanghai but also from Hankow by the new booms erected near the Klangyin apertures which are now closed up.

The proposed dash to Shanghai of the B. and S. Woosung with 20 passengers was baffled by the closing of the Klangyin booms, and preparations are now being made to run another refugee train to Hongkong. The date of the departure is not yet fixed, but it will probably be the coming week-end.

It is learned that over 300 names are already registered for the trip. The Japanese have been informed of the proposed departure of the train, and have replied that they will require 48 hours' notice of its departure.—*Reuter*.

TERUEL REPORTED HOLDING OUT

St. Jean de Luz, Dec. 20. Teruel is still holding out against the attacks of Loyalist troops, but fighting with great bloodshed, is in progress in towns on the outskirts of the city. Blinding snowstorms are impeding the work of the Loyalist artillery.—*Reuter*.

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Exceptions May Be Discovered

London, Dec. 20. Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he would publish a White Paper containing particulars of direct injury to British citizens, property and interests by the Japanese military forces in China that had evoked British representations.

The Foreign Secretary replied: "It has not yet been possible to formulate many of these claims and still less to verify them, so that it is premature to consider publication of a White Paper." He added that British representatives in China had details which had not yet reached him.

Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) asked if the Japanese accepted liability in principle for the damage done where it can be proved that the Japanese were responsible. Mr. Eden responded: "These are of many different characters. In certain respects the answer is Yes, but I would not like to say in all."

Mr. Will Thorne (Lab.) asked: "Is the Japanese Government responsible for plundering by its soldiers when entering towns?" Mr. Eden replied: "Yes, I think that is precisely one of the items under which claims may be made."

Mr. F. P. Pugh (Cons.) asked Mr. Eden for particulars regarding compensation to be paid by Japan for casualties inflicted by her troops to British soldiers and sailors.

FULLY ACCEPTED
 Mr. Eden, in response, recalled that the Japanese Government had fully accepted in principle the pecuniary compensation claims which had been made, and it was only a question of details regarding financial compensation.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Lab.) asked if claims in respect to loss of life were not in a different category to those respecting property, and therefore would Mr. Eden press for the earliest settlement of those claims. Mr. Eden replied: "Yes, I think that is so. The principle of compensation has been accepted and what remains to be settled are the amounts and the question to whom they are payable."—*Reuter*.

JOINT ACTION ADVISED

Admiral Osborne States Case

London, Dec. 20. The naval position in the Far East was discussed at a meeting in the House of Commons to-day, attended by a number of members of all parties, with Sir Cyril Entwistle, presiding.

Vice-Admiral R.O.B. Osborne spoke of the possibility of collective action on the part of Britain, France and the United States and emphasised the importance to Britain and America of what he considered to be Japan's aims to dominate China to the complete exclusion of foreign interests. He said that if co-operation between Britain, France and the United States could be secured it would not be difficult to defend the common interests of the three nations. He believed that the threat of common action would be sufficient to deter Japan, but it must be remembered that the United States would contemplate no alliance and would not intervene for interests not her own, and would not take any action which might lead to war.

Therefore, he suggested the creation of a joint Advisory Council on Far Eastern affairs in which Britain, France and the United States would be equally represented, to study and defend the joint interests of all three countries, and to recommend such action as might be necessary for that purpose.—*Reuter*.

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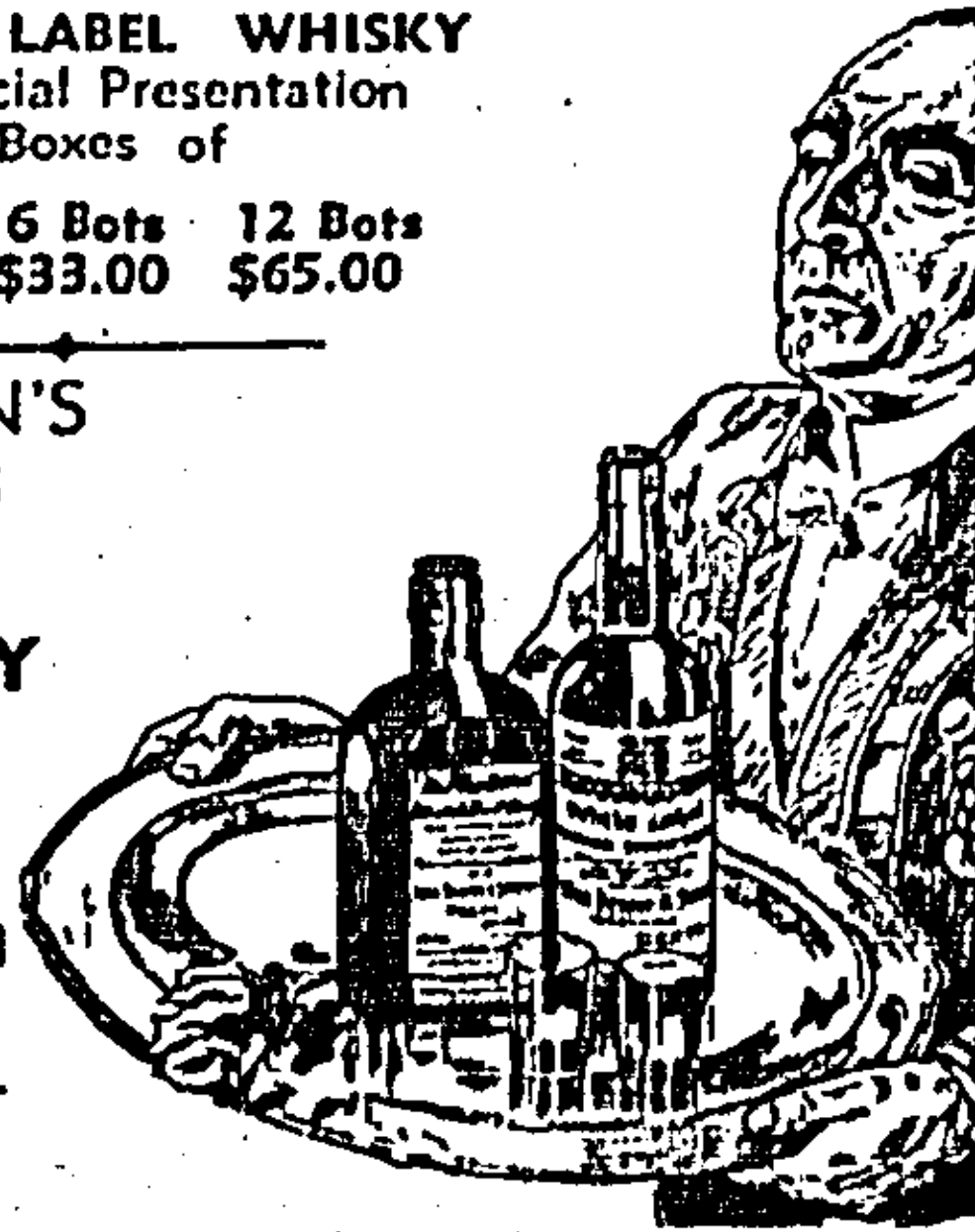
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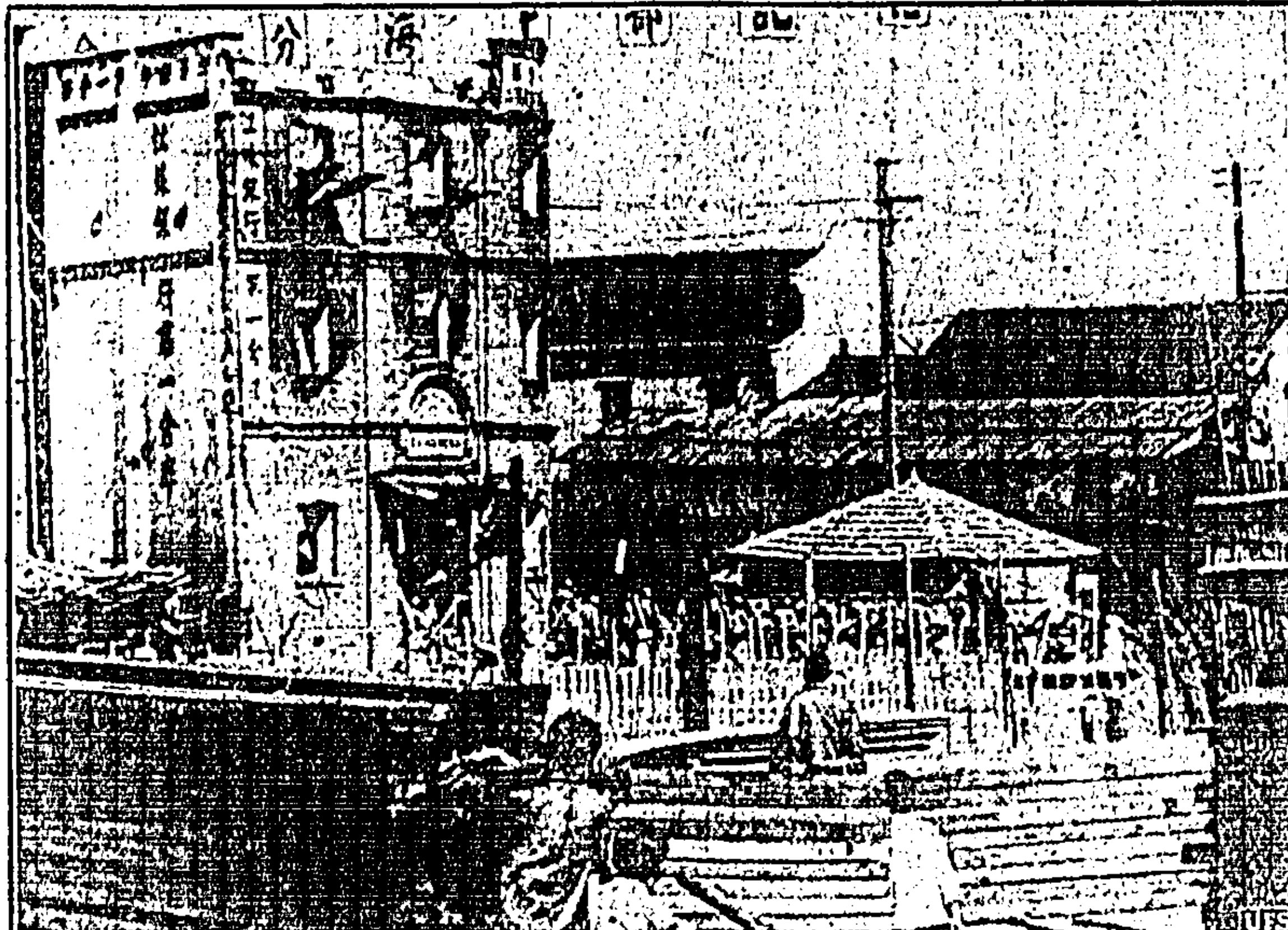
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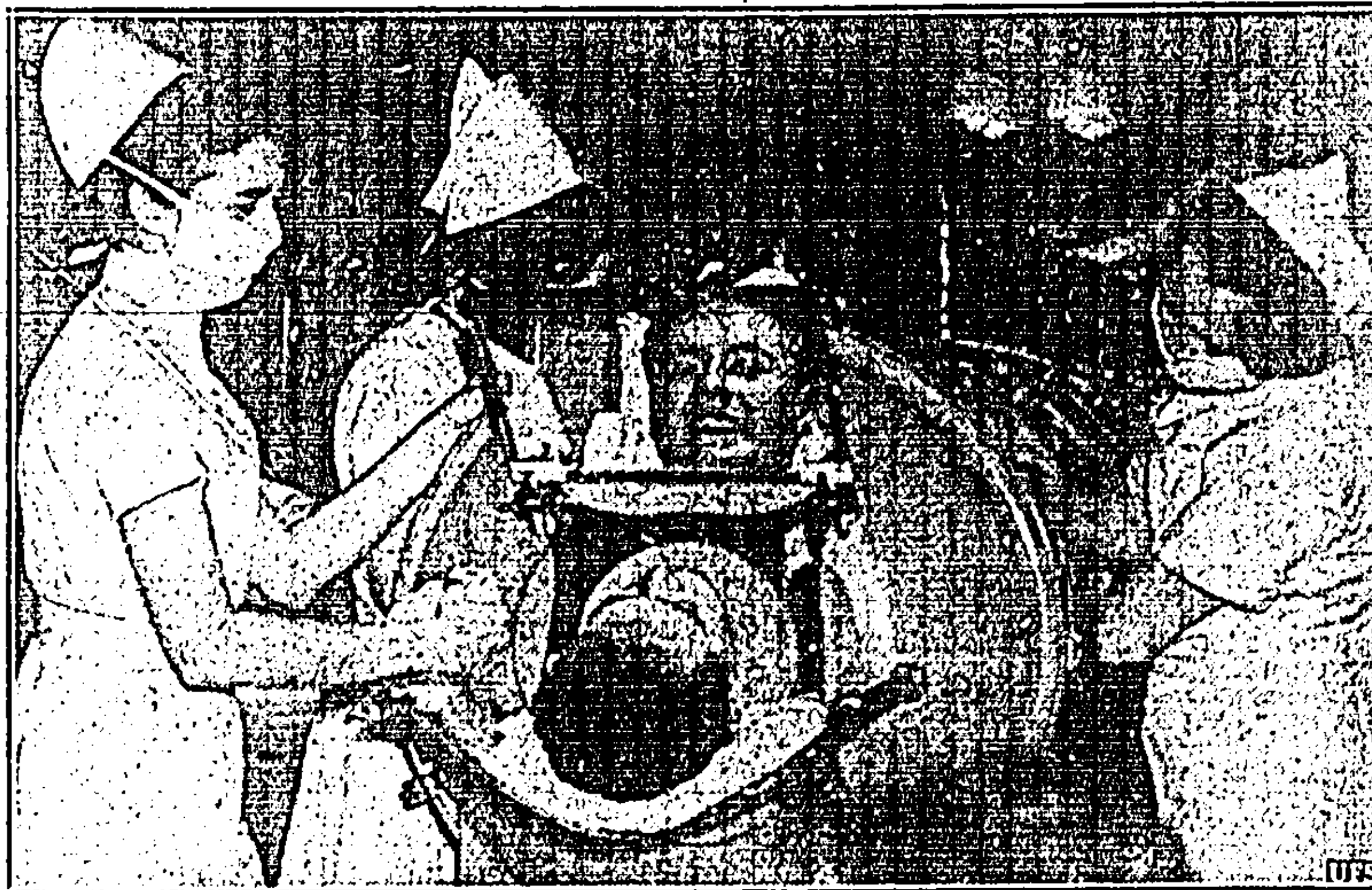
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INVADERS ENTER SHANGHAI—Hiding furtively behind piles of lumber on the south bank of Soochow Creek, Chinese inhabitants in Shanghai watch the arrival of Japanese conquerors, seen through the fence in background. Meanwhile, Chinese troops were withdrawing towards Nanking.



DAINTY MAIDS CELEBRATE VICTORY—Tokyo, Japan's capital city, declared a holiday and patriotic societies formed jubilant parades, when the news arrived that Shanghai had been taken by Japanese forces. Above, gelsia girls, as members of the Women's Patriotic Defense Association, carry Rising Sun flags as they join in one of the huge processions.



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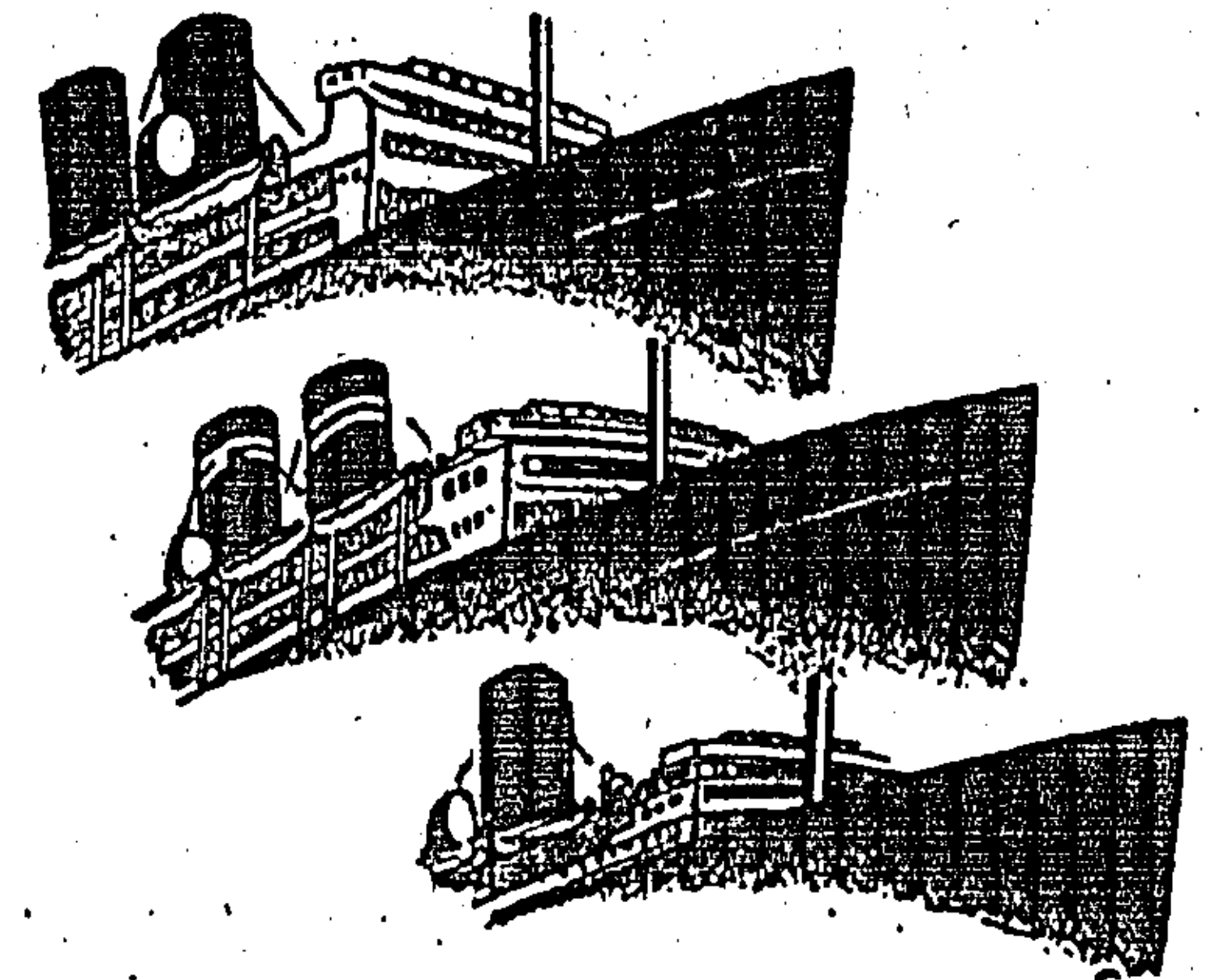
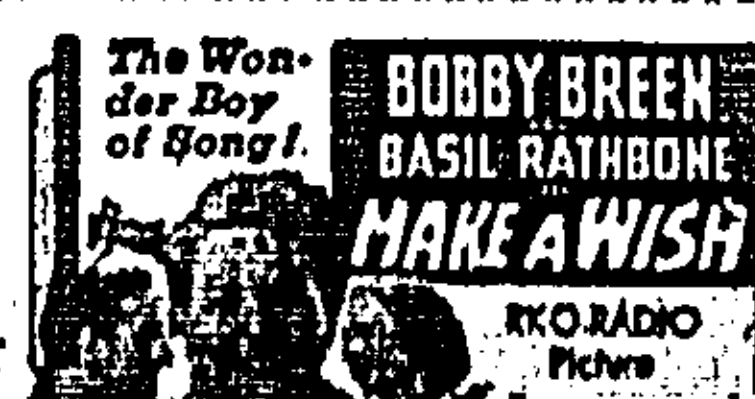
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Government In Peiping Repudiated

National Mandate
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Chungking, Dec. 21.
The Chinese National Govern-
ment has issued a statement re-
pudiating the so-called Provi-
sional Government in Peiping,
set up by the Japanese.—
Reuter.

OUTLAW ORDER

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
The National Government issued a
mandate to-day stating the Military
Affairs Commission is responsible
for the general arrest of all Chinese
participating in puppet regimes in
regions under Japanese military
occupation.—United Press.

Hankow, Dec. 21.
The National Government issued a
mandate yesterday in the following
terms:

"Having seized Chinese territory
and slaughtered numberless Chinese
citizens, Japan has set up an unlaw-
ful regime at Peiping self-styled the
Provisional Government of the Re-
public of China. This and the repul-
sion of what Japan has done in Man-
churia, Jehol and East Hopei. Such
an organisation is born of Japan's
armed aggression, is entirely a
Japanese puppet and serves her as a
tool.

"All individuals participating in
the regime are punishable in accord-
ance with the law of the land. Japan
alone is responsible for the existence
and actions of the organisation which
is thoroughly under Japanese control,
and therefore it is not of the nature
of an ordinary rebellion within the
State.

"The National Government declares
that the bogus organisation in Pei-
ping, or any other similar organisa-
tion elsewhere, are the result of the
prosecution of Japan's aggressive
policy in China, and all acts of such
an unlawful organisation shall be
considered null and void both inter-
nally and externally and both de facto
and de jure.—United Press.

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR NEW REGIME

Keijo, Korea, Dec. 21.
Following the example of Mr. Fan
San-sheng, the Chinese Consul-
General at Keijo, the Chinese Consul
at Chinnampo, Mr. Chang Yi-shin,
according to Japanese reports, has
also pledged allegiance to the Pro-
visional Government of the Republic
of China, recently organised in
Peiping.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL FLYING TO COLONY

Leaving Yangtse
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Hankow, Dec. 21.
Rear-Admiral G. E. Crabbe,
chief of the Yangtse Flotilla, together
with his Secretary, Pay-Commander
J. A. Miller of H.M.S. Bee, is leaving
for Hongkong this morning by a
specially chartered plane.

Rear-Admiral Crabbe, whose relief,
Rear-Admiral Holt, arrived in Han-
kow a month ago, and is at present in
H.M.S. Bee at Nanking, is due for
Home leave in January. His de-
parture will leave Hankow without
an Admiral as Rear-Admiral Holt,
being at Nanking, is cut off by the
recently constructed boom.

The disposition of British gunboats
at present is as follows: H.M.S.
Falcon is at Chungking, H.M.S. Tern
is at Ichang, H.M.S. Sandpiper is at
Changsha, where they will remain all
the winter owing to the low water.

Four gunboats are at Hankow, the
Cormorant, Cockchafer, Gnat and
Petelet. The Mantis is at Kiukiang,
showing there are eight gunboats this
side of the boom. On the other side
H.M.S. Scorpion is at Wuhu, the Cric-
ket, Bee and Aphie are at Nanking.
H.M.S. Bee is carrying Rear-Admiral
Holt, and presumably the British
Consul-General Mr. Frédeux Brune,
at Nanking. The Ladybird is at
Shanghai.—Reuter.

EUROPE MUST NOT FORM BLOCS

London, Dec. 20.
Questioned on a recent statement
issued in Warsaw on Polish relations
with the League of Nations, the For-
eign Secretary reminded the House
of Commons of a communique issued
by the Polish Foreign Secretary and him-
self over a year ago at the end of
the former's London visit, in which
they had recorded their opinion that
nothing could be more fatal to the
hopes of European agreement than
the division, apparent or real, of Eu-
rope into opposing blocs. It followed,
Mr. Eden said, that the Polish
Government was well aware of the
attitude of the British Government
on this point, which had not changed.
—British Wireless.

CONSUL-GENERAL OFF TO CANTON

H.M.S. Seamount, a gunboat, left for
Canton this morning carrying Mr.
A. P. Blunt, the British Consul-
General, who has been in Hongkong
on leave for consultations with high
Colony officials.

Hankow Keyed Up At Rumour Of War Spreading South

Hankow, Dec. 21.

Hankow is buzzing with excitement at the prospect of
hostilities in South China. It is pointed out that Hankow would
be completely cut off all ways if the Japanese occupy Canton
and disrupt the train and air services between Hongkong and
Hankow, as well as the newly-inaugurated Chungking-Hong-
kong air service.

At present it is possible to reach the outside world by rail
via Chenchow and Hsuechow (Honan), as well as by Tsinanfu
and Tsingtao, but the advent of hostilities in Shantung
undoubtedly would disrupt that route.

Though the air service to Hongkong is still functioning, it
is widely reported that the service will be stopped shortly.

Air Raid Alarm

Air raid whistles and sirens sound-
ed here for the first time for nearly
two months at noon yesterday,
when Japanese planes were reported
to be heading for Hankow. The
usual tense activity was witnessed,
civilians flocking into the special ad-
ministrative areas to take refuge in
the godowns and danger-proof shell-
ters, including dug-outs recently con-
structed along the water front.

Nine fighting planes, which ap-
peared to be Russian, were in the air
waiting for the visitors. They sound-
ed powerful, and were fast and dis-
ciplined. No Japanese raiders ap-
peared and the all-clear signal was
given at 1.30 p.m.

The alarm was later explained by
a report from Kiukiang stating that
19 Japanese planes appeared about
1.30 p.m. and dropped 41 bombs.
The objective of the raid appeared to
be the aerodrome and railway sta-
tion, which, it was stated, were
slightly damaged. The raiders sub-
sequently disappeared in the direc-
tion of Nanchang where they dropped
30 bombs on the railway station, a
cotton mill and the aerodrome near-
by.—Reuter.

Kwangtung Precautions

Canton, Dec. 21.
A movement has been launched
here to mobilise all able-bodied men
throughout Kwangtung to stand
ready to resist any attempted in-
vasion of the province by Japanese
forces.

The decision was taken following
a joint meeting of the highest mili-
tary, political and party leaders yes-
terday afternoon. General Wu Te-
chen, Governor of Kwangtung, pre-
sided.

It was also decided to entrust the
mobilisation programme to the fol-
lowing: General Tsai Tsiang-shan,
Chiang Kwang-shan, former com-
mander of the now-defunct 19th
Route Army, General Hsiang Han-
ping, deputy-commander of the 4th
Route Army, and Generals Li Fook-
lum and Chen Chen-yu.—Central
News.

Canton Stages

"Self-Defence Parade"

Canton, Dec. 21.
More than 120,000 persons, includ-
ing men and women in all walks of
life, took part in a mammoth parade
here yesterday in connection with
the "Self-Defence Movement."
Prior to the parade a mass meeting
was held and was presided over by
Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of Canton.
—Central News.

Stock Market Featureless

London, Dec. 20.
A few of the leading oils and
Kaffirs again claimed the attention
of Continental operators on the Lon-
don Stock Exchange to-day, otherwise
the market was inactive, but prices
generally were firm and maintained
a cheerful undertone.

Commodities were featureless apart
from uneasiness in wheat due to the
absence of demand for actuals. Wall
Street opened steady.—Reuter's
Special.

PRESIDENT HOOVER WEATHERS STORM

San Francisco, Dec. 20.
Dollar Line officials have received
a cablegram stating that the Presi-
dent Hoover weathered a severe
gale.

The Captain and a crew of 20 are
standing by. Salvage equipment has
arrived and operations would begin
as soon as the weather became
favourable.—Reuter.

LUDENDORFF BURIAL AT MUNICH

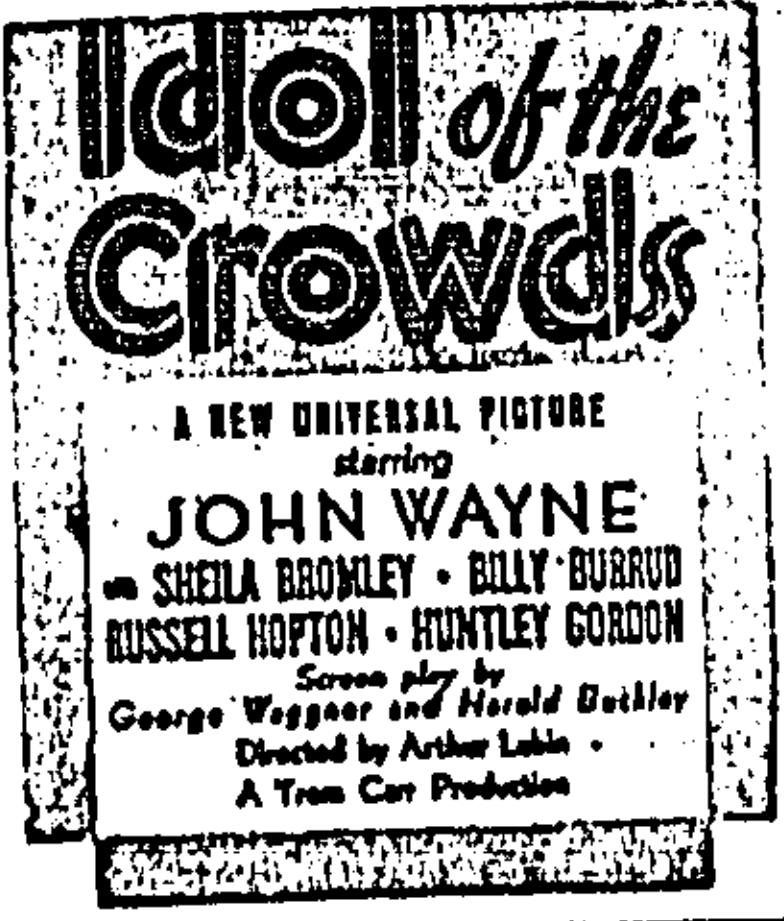
Berlin, Dec. 20.
General Erich Ludendorff, famous
German war-time commander, who
died to-day, is being interred at
Munich. Herr Adolf Hitler will
attend the funeral.—Reuter.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN

A report has been made to the
police by Lum Shek that while he
was driving a car along the Military
Road near St. Stephen's College foot-
ball ground, a boy suddenly ran
across the road and was knocked
down. The boy was taken to the
Queen Mary Hospital.

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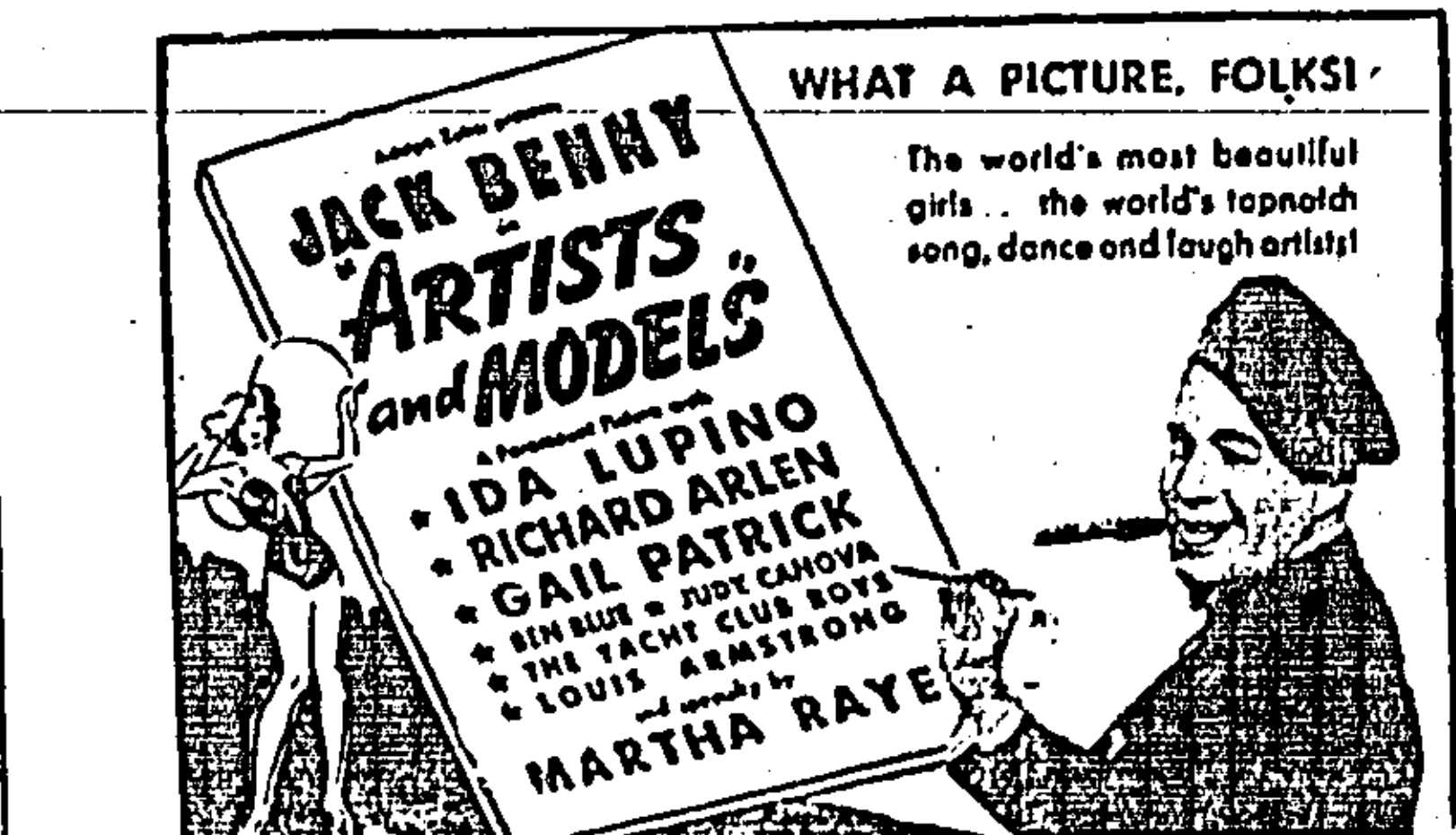
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DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

Man Yuet-kui, 18, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, suffering from the effects of opium poisoning.

This morning two more carring matchers were sent to prison by Mr. K. Keen when charged at the Kowloon Magistracy.

While working at the Hong Nam Company factory in Electric Road yesterday, Chan Guan, 30, fell from a height and was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from injuries to the leg.

Mr. G. Malling, of 18 Nar Chin Long Road, has reported to the police that some person had stolen \$20 from that address.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. K. C. Hamilton, of 204 Prince Edward Road, that some person has stolen from his garage tools to the value of \$34.

An ex-police officer, Leo Koi, 60, of 311 Tai Nam Street, first floor, died in the Kowloon Hospital early this morning suffering from injuries received when he fell on wet pavement.

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